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House of Representatives, January 8, 2020

**An Act Regarding Prior Authorization for Medication-assisted
Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder under the MaineCare Program**

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative STOVER of Boothbay.
Cosponsored by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot and
Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, DOUDERA of Camden, FARNSWORTH of
Portland, FAY of Raymond, FECTEAU of Biddeford, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach,
McCREIGHT of Harpswell, MEYER of Eliot.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3174-EEE** is enacted to read:

3 **§3174-EEE. Prior authorization of medication-assisted treatment for opioid use**
4 **disorder**

5 The department may not require under the MaineCare program prior authorization for
6 medication-assisted treatment for opioid use disorder for the prescription of at least one
7 drug for each therapeutic class of medication used in medication-assisted treatment,
8 except that the department may not impose any prior authorization requirements on a
9 pregnant woman for medication-assisted treatment for opioid use disorder. For the
10 purposes of this section, "medication-assisted treatment" means an evidence-based
11 practice that combines pharmacological interventions with substance use disorder
12 counseling.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill prohibits the Department of Health and Human Services from requiring
15 under the MaineCare program prior authorization for medication-assisted treatment for
16 opioid use disorder for the prescription of at least one drug for each type of medication
17 used in medication-assisted treatment, except that the department may not require prior
18 authorization for medication-assisted treatment for opioid use disorder for a pregnant
19 woman.