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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
129TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1327, L.D. 1856, “Resolve, To Support Individuals with Acute Mental Health Needs”

Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to increase MaineCare rates. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall amend its rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 45.03 to provide reimbursement for patients discharged from Southern Maine Health Care's psychiatric inpatient unit in the amount of \$10,166 per distinct discharge for the period beginning with the effective date of this section and ending January 15, 2023. No later than 30 days following the effective date of this section, the department shall amend its rule pursuant to this section and submit the amended rule to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Sec. 2. Department of Health and Human Services to seek available funds for uninsured patients. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall seek and apply for available federal funds or funds from any other sources to pay the costs of providing inpatient psychiatric care to uninsured patients who are discharged from acute care hospitals.

Sec. 3. Report. Resolved: That, no later than January 15, 2022, the Department of Health and Human Services shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters regarding the progress the department has made in developing a reimbursement rate to provide inpatient psychiatric care under its rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 45.03. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters is authorized to report out legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: The following appropriations and allocations are made.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**
 2 **Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147**

3 Initiative: Provides one-time appropriation and allocation to the Department of Health and
 4 Human Services to amend its rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III,
 5 Section 45.03 to provide reimbursement for patients discharged from Southern Maine
 6 Health Care's psychiatric inpatient unit in the amount of \$10,166 per distinct discharge.

7	GENERAL FUND	2019-20	2020-21
8	All Other	\$0	\$74,714
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10	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$74,714

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12	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2019-20	2020-21
13	All Other	\$0	\$220,984
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15	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$220,984

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 17 Amend the resolve by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or
 18 section number to read consecutively.

19 **SUMMARY**

20 This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, reduces the
 21 reimbursement rate per discharge to cover the cost of providing care to MaineCare
 22 members in Southern Maine Health Care's psychiatric inpatient unit and limits the new
 23 reimbursement rate to the period beginning on the effective date of this legislation and
 24 ending January 15, 2022. The amendment directs the Department of Health and Human
 25 Services to seek and apply for federal funds and funds from any other sources to pay the
 26 costs of providing psychiatric services to uninsured patients. The amendment also directs
 27 the Department of Health and Human Services to submit a report to the joint standing
 28 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters
 29 regarding the progress the department has made in developing a reimbursement rate to
 30 provide inpatient psychiatric care under its rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual,
 31 Chapter III, Section 45.03. The committee is authorized to report out legislation related to
 32 the report to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature. This amendment
 33 includes a provision to repeal the resolve January 15, 2022.

34 This amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

35 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**
 36 **(See attached)**

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