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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
128TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION**

HOUSE AMENDMENT “ ” to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “A” to S.P. 758, L.D. 1923, Bill, “An Act To Improve the Child Welfare System”

Amend the amendment by inserting after section 4 the following:

'Sec. 5. Department of Health and Human Services to conduct a rate study to develop a new rate for MaineCare reimbursement for trauma-focused cognitive behavioral therapy. The Department of Health and Human Services shall contract for a 3rd-party independent rate study to develop a separate reimbursement rate for trauma-focused cognitive behavioral therapy to be available to be billed under rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Section 65. In establishing the rate, the rate study must take into consideration the following:

- 1. The costs to the provider of delivering the service, including additional training for certification and continuing education;
- 2. Quality assurance and continuous quality improvement;
- 3. The need to attract enough providers to clear waiting lists for services;
- 4. The need to attract providers to all areas of the State, including underserved rural areas; and
- 5. The costs of ensuring fidelity to the trauma-focused cognitive behavioral therapy model.

The department shall ensure that the rate study is completed no later than April 1, 2019. The department shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters regarding the findings of the rate study no later than May 1, 2019. The department shall amend its rules to establish a separate reimbursement rate for trauma-focused cognitive behavioral therapy. Rules adopted pursuant to this resolve are routine technical rules as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.'

Amend the amendment by inserting after section 5 the following:

'Sec. 6. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

HOUSE AMENDMENT

1 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**
2 **Office of MaineCare Services 0129**

3 Initiative: Provides funding to contract with a 3rd party to conduct a rate study to develop
4 certain rates under rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapters II and III,
5 Section 65 to be completed no later than May 1, 2019.

6	GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
7	All Other	\$0	\$50,000
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9	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>

10	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2017-18	2018-19
11	All Other	\$0	\$50,000
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13	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>

15 Amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter
16 or section number to read consecutively.

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This amendment requires the Department of Health and Human Services to contract
19 for a 3rd-party independent rate study to develop a separate rate for MaineCare
20 reimbursement for trauma-focused cognitive behavioral therapy to be billed under rule
21 Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Section 65. Currently, this therapy is
22 available as outpatient therapy and home-based and community-based treatment under
23 Section 65. The rate study must take into consideration the costs to providers of
24 delivering the service, including certification and continuing education, quality assurance
25 and continuous quality improvement, the need to attract enough providers to clear waiting
26 lists and serve all areas of the State and the costs to ensure fidelity to the therapy model.
27 The rate study must be completed no later than April 1, 2019, and the department must
28 report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health
29 and human services matters by May 1, 2019. The department must amend its rules to
30 establish the new rate. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations
31 section.

32 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

33 **(See attached)**

34 SPONSORED BY: _____

35 (Representative MALABY)

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