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Senator Joseph Baldacci, Chair  
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Re: LD 1178 – *Resolve, to Reduce Barriers to Recovery from Addiction by Expanding Eligibility for Targeted Case Management Services*

Senator Baldacci, Representative Meyer, and Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on LD 1178, *Resolve, to Reduce Barriers to Recovery from Addiction by Expanding Eligibility for Targeted Case Management Services*. This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Section 13.03-4 to remove from the eligibility requirements for targeted case management services for adults with substance use disorder the provision regarding pregnancy, living with minor children and intravenous drug use.

We do not believe this is necessary as P.L. 2021, Ch. 635, Part JJJ directed the Department to expand the opioid health home model to serve all MaineCare members with any Substance Use Disorder (SUD). As such, the Department opposes building out a duplicative model of care that would create inefficiency and confusion for MaineCare providers and members.

The Department is focusing resources on expanding its SUD health homes model and team-based approach to care. The Department has engaged many stakeholders in the development of the forthcoming SUD health homes model and recommends continuing with the current plan in accordance with provisions set forth in P.L. 2021, Ch. 635, Part JJJ.

We wanted you to be aware of the above information as you consider this bill going forward. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michelle Probert".

Michelle Probert  
Director  
MaineCare Services