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LD 514

In Favor of Passing LD514

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Hello, Senator Igwersen, Representative Meyer and the honorable Health and Human Services Committee,

I am Jeanne Marquis, an organizer for the Maine Recovery Action Project and a parent of a son who is now over three years sober. As you are well aware, sobriety begins at detox. Back when my son was really struggling, it was extremely difficult to find a detox bed at the exact time when he was willing to accept help. Since then, Maine has increased the number of detox beds. However, the MaineCare reimbursements for these beds lags behind the cost of servicing these beds and are lower than our neighboring state of New Hampshire's reimbursement rate.

Without the increase in reimbursement, families like mine in the recovery community worry that the beds we advocated for over the last several years will start to disappear. Then families will be struggling to find beds in time for their sons and daughters. If that happens, we will be back detoxing family members at home, which is typically not successful nor is it a medically sound practice.

I urge you to vote in favor of LD 514 to raise MaineCare Reimbursement Rates for Detoxification Services for Substance Use Disorder Treatment. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
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