

OFFICE OF POLICY AND LEGAL ANALYSIS

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To: Joint Standing Committee on Health & Human Services
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LD 674 An Act To Support Early Intervention and Treatment of Psychotic Disorders

SUMMARY: This bill is emergency legislation. It requires DHHS, in cooperation with DOE and DOL, to establish a bundled reimbursement rate for a coordinated specialty care model to treat individuals showing early signs of psychotic disorder. Services covered under the bundled rate must be evidence based and treat both the individual and the family, and must include case management, family support, psychotherapy services, medication management, education and job support services, and peer support services. DHHS may review, develop or apply for any source of funds to implement reimbursement for these services. DHHS is also directed to: Submit a state plan amendment or waiver to federal CMS by June 30, 2021

- Establish a bundled reimbursement rate no later than January 1, 2022 and upon approval of federal CMS
- Consider various structures of a bundled reimbursement rate model, including, but not limited to, a daily rate or monthly rate
- Seek federal funding from the community mental health services block grant
- Ensure that an organization providing coordinated specialty care submits program evaluation assessments

ISSUES FROM TESTIMONY / SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS (*FROM DHHS*):

- Tie the effective date of the rate to the date of CMS approval to ensure receipt of matching federal funds
- Current timeline is not consistent with the timeline for work needed in order to develop a rate, prepare and submit a waiver application or state plan amendment for approval and engage in rulemaking

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUESTED BY COMMITTEE:

- Fact sheet and cost information from Dr. Robbins, Maine Behavioral Healthcare (*emailed to committee*)
- Information from Dr. McFarlane (*emailed*)

FISCAL IMPACT: Not yet determined.