



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 902

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Resolve, To Increase Access to Evidence-based Psychosocial Treatment for Children in the MaineCare Program

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Malaby of Hancock

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

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Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to increase the MaineCare reimbursement rates for evidence-based outpatient psychosocial treatments for children to cover all costs involved with providing the service and requires the department to cover 2 additional evidence-based services using General Fund appropriations to pay service providers to hire and train staff and to provide treatment. DHHS will need to complete a rate setting process to identify the appropriation needed for the new services and to establish the appropriate rates of reimbursement to cover the costs. After the rates and costs have been determined DHHS will need to request additional appropriations to implement the new rates.