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**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
130TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 359, L.D. 496, “An Act To Clear Waiting Lists for and Ensure Timely Access to Mental Health Services for Maine Children”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'An Act To Increase Timely Access to Mental Health Services by Increasing MaineCare Reimbursement Rates'**

Amend the bill in section 1 in the last line (page 1, line 17 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "30%" and inserting the following: '25%'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 2. Department of Health and Human Services to increase MaineCare rates.** No later than July 1, 2021, the Department of Health and Human Services shall amend its rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 65, Behavioral Health Services, Outpatient Therapy-Individual/Family and Outpatient Therapy-Group, to increase reimbursement rates by 25%.

**Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF  
Medicaid Services - Developmental Services Z210**

Initiative: Provides allocations for the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 65, Behavioral Health Services, Outpatient Therapy-Individual/Family and Outpatient Therapy-Group, to increase reimbursement rates by 25%.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
All Other	\$727,826	\$727,826
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$727,826</u>	<u>\$727,826</u>

**Medicaid Services - Developmental Services Z210**

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

1 Initiative: Provides allocations to increase rates in rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits  
 2 Manual, Chapter III, Section 65, Behavioral Health Services, Children's Home and  
 3 Community Based Treatment, by 25% and in rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits  
 4 Manual, Chapter III, Section 97, Appendix D, Principles of Reimbursement for Child Care  
 5 Facilities, by 25% by July 1, 2021.

6	<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
7	All Other	\$797,364	\$797,364
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9	<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$797,364</u>	<u>\$797,364</u>

10 **Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147**

11 Initiative: Provides funding to increase rates in rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits  
 12 Manual, Chapter III, Section 65, Behavioral Health Services, Children's Home and  
 13 Community Based Treatment, by 25% and in rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits  
 14 Manual, Chapter III, Section 97, Appendix D, Principles of Reimbursement for Child Care  
 15 Facilities, by 25% by July 1, 2021.

16	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
17	All Other	\$2,101,327	\$2,095,743
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19	<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$2,101,327</u>	<u>\$2,095,743</u>

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21	<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
22	All Other	\$13,214,735	\$13,230,687
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24	<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$13,214,735</u>	<u>\$13,230,687</u>

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26	<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
27	All Other	\$429,350	\$429,350
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29	<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$429,350</u>	<u>\$429,350</u>

30 **Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147**

31 Initiative: Provides funding for the Department of Health and Human Services to amend  
 32 its rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 65, Behavioral  
 33 Health Services, Outpatient Therapy-Individual/Family and Outpatient Therapy-Group, to  
 34 increase reimbursement rates by 25%.

35	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
36	All Other	\$2,852,831	\$2,845,436
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38	<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$2,852,831</u>	<u>\$2,845,436</u>

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40	<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
41	All Other	\$8,215,360	\$8,223,463
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1	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$8,215,360	\$8,223,463
2	<b>Mental Health Services - Child Medicaid Z207</b>		
3	Initiative: Provides funding to increase rates in rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits		
4	Manual, Chapter III, Section 65, Behavioral Health Services, Children's Home and		
5	Community Based Treatment, by 25% and in rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits		
6	Manual, Chapter III, Section 97, Appendix D, Principles of Reimbursement for Child Care		
7	Facilities, by 25% by July 1, 2021.		
8	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
9	All Other	\$3,902,464	\$3,892,095
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11	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,902,464	\$3,892,095
12	<b>Office of Substance Abuse &amp; Mental Health Srv-Medicaid Seed Z202</b>		
13	Initiative: Provides funding for the Department of Health and Human Services to amend		
14	its rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 65, Behavioral		
15	Health Services, Outpatient Therapy-Individual/Family and Outpatient Therapy-Group, to		
16	increase reimbursement rates by 25%.		
17	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
18	All Other	\$266,000	\$265,293
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20	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$266,000	\$265,293
21	<b>State-funded Foster Care/Adoption Assistance 0139</b>		
22	Initiative: Provides funding for the Department of Health and Human Services to amend		
23	its rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 65, Behavioral		
24	Health Services, Outpatient Therapy-Individual/Family and Outpatient Therapy-Group, to		
25	increase reimbursement rates by 25%.		
26	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
27	All Other	\$68,416	\$68,416
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29	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$68,416	\$68,416
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31	<b>HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,</b>		
32	<b>DEPARTMENT OF</b>		
33	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
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35	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$9,191,038</b>	<b>\$9,166,983</b>
36	<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>\$21,430,095</b>	<b>\$21,454,150</b>
37	<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,954,540</b>	<b>\$1,954,540</b>
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39	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$32,575,673</b>	<b>\$32,575,673</b>

41 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section  
 42 number to read consecutively.

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**SUMMARY**

This amendment makes the following changes to the bill.

1. It changes the amount by which MaineCare reimbursement is increased for children's home and community-based treatment and child care facilities from 30% to 25%.
2. It includes a 25% reimbursement increase for outpatient therapy for individuals and families and outpatient group therapy under the MaineCare program. This is the substance of L.D. 592.
3. It includes an appropriations and allocations section that reflects more current estimates than in the bill and L.D. 592.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

**(See attached)**