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**Resolve, Regarding Reimbursement for Providing Inpatient Care to  
Individuals with Acute Mental Health Care Needs**

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Received by the Clerk of the House on April 8, 2021. Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative MEYER of Eliot.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: Speaker FECTION of Biddeford, HYMANSON of York,  
O'CONNOR of Berwick, TUTTLE of Sanford, Senator: WOODSOME of York.

**Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to increase MaineCare rates. Resolved:** That the Department of Health and Human Services shall amend its rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 45.03 to provide reimbursement for patients discharged from Southern Maine Health Care's psychiatric inpatient unit in the amount of \$10,166 per distinct discharge. The department shall amend its rule pursuant to this section in time to be submitted to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services with an effective date of the reimbursement required by this section of January 1, 2021.

**Sec. 2. Department of Health and Human Services to seek available funds for uninsured patients. Resolved:** That the Department of Health and Human Services shall seek and apply for available federal funds or funds from any other sources to pay the costs of providing inpatient psychiatric care to uninsured patients who are discharged from acute care hospitals.

**Sec. 3. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than December 1, 2021, the Department of Health and Human Services shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services regarding the progress the department has made in developing a reimbursement rate to provide inpatient psychiatric care under its rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 45.03. The joint standing committee is authorized to report out legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

## SUMMARY

This resolve requires the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 45.03 to provide reimbursement for patients discharged from Southern Maine Health Care's psychiatric inpatient unit in the amount of \$10,166 per distinct discharge; the amended rule must be submitted to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services in time for the increased rate of reimbursement to apply from January 1, 2021.

The resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to seek and apply for federal funds and funds from any other sources to pay the costs of providing psychiatric services to uninsured patients. It also directs the department to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services regarding the progress the department has made in developing a reimbursement rate to provide inpatient psychiatric care under its rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 45.03. The committee is authorized to report out legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.