

**132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 791****LR 897(01)****An Act Regarding Children with Behavioral Health Needs Awaiting Placement in Residential Care Facilities****Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill****Sponsor: Sen. Baldacci of Penobscot****Committee: Health and Human Services****Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Projections FY 2027-28	Projections FY 2028-29
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$9,457,368	\$15,914,735	\$15,914,735	\$15,914,735
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$9,457,368	\$15,914,735	\$15,914,735	\$15,914,735
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$6,847,036	\$13,694,071	\$13,694,071	\$13,694,071
Federal Block Grant Fund	\$311,997	\$623,994	\$623,994	\$623,994
Revenue				
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$6,847,036	\$13,694,071	\$13,694,071	\$13,694,071
Federal Block Grant Fund	\$311,997	\$623,994	\$623,994	\$623,994

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The Department of Health and Human Services will require General Fund appropriations of \$9,457,368 in fiscal year 2025-26 and \$15,914,735 in fiscal year 2026-27 to reimburse hospitals beginning January 1, 2026 for MaineCare eligible children who are in hospital emergency rooms awaiting placement in a children's residential facility and to develop 3 crisis centers for children and adolescents with high levels of behavioral health needs and awaiting placement in a children's residential facility or community service. Federal Expenditures Fund and Federal Block Grant Fund allocations will also be required for the FMAP match for reimbursement to hospitals.