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Resolve, To Promote Community Integration for Individuals with Brain Injuries

Sec. 1 Community integration Medicaid waiver. Resolved: That by January 1, 2008 the Department of Health and Human Services shall apply for a waiver from the federal Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to operate a MaineCare waiver program to promote community integration for individuals with brain injuries. The waiver program must be designed to allow a person with a brain injury who is eligible for services at the nursing facility level to choose to receive services in a home or in a community-based setting. In designing the waiver program, prior to submitting the application for the waiver, the department shall provide information to and seek input from a broadly representative group of interested parties, including MaineCare members with brain injuries, families and friends of MaineCare members with brain injuries and providers of services to persons with brain injuries. The department shall provide reports to the Legislature by April 15, 2008, January 15, 2009 and April 15, 2009 regarding its progress in applying for and securing the waiver.

SUMMARY

This resolve requires the Department of Health and Human Services to apply by January 1, 2008 for a federal waiver to operate a MaineCare waiver program to allow a person with a brain injury who is eligible for services at the nursing facility level to choose to receive services in a home or in a community-based setting. The resolve provides for public information and input from interested parties. The resolve requires reports to the Legislature by April 15, 2008, January 15, 2009 and April 15, 2009 regarding the department's progress in applying for and securing the waiver.