



130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Ensure Access to Outpatient Mental Health Services by Increasing Reimbursement for Outpatient Therapists

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Gramlich of Old Orchard Beach

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	Projections FY 2023-24	Projections FY 2024-25
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$4,232,234	\$4,223,143	\$4,223,143	\$4,223,143
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$4,232,234	\$4,223,143	\$4,223,143	\$4,223,143
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$7,498,718	\$7,507,809	\$7,507,809	\$7,507,809

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$4,232,234 in fiscal year 2021-22 and \$4,223,143 in fiscal year 2022-23 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%. Federal Expenditures Fund allocations are also included in this bill for the FMAP match.

A more current estimate would decrease the FY 2021-22 General Fund appropriation by \$1,044,987 to \$3,187,247 and the FY 2022-23 General Fund appropriation by \$1,043,998 to \$3,179,145. It also suggests the General Fund dollars be appropriated to multiple accounts that are impacted. This estimate would also increase the Federal Expenditures Fund allocation by just over \$715,000 in each year. Lastly the estimate would also allocate \$727,826 in each year to the Other Special Revenue Funds for the Service Provider Tax.