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House of Representatives, February 12, 2019

**An Act To Expand Community Support Services for Certain Adult
Members of the MaineCare Program**

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach.
Cosponsored by Senator BELLOWS of Kennebec, Senator MOORE of Washington and
Representatives: BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, BRENNAN of Portland, FECTEAU of
Biddeford, MADIGAN of Waterville, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, WARREN of Hallowell,
Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, CHIPMAN of Cumberland.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3172, sub-§1-C** is enacted to read:

3 **1-C. Community support services.** "Community support services" means
4 rehabilitation services that promote a person's recovery and integration into the
5 community and that support the person in a living situation of that person's choice.
6 "Community support services" includes, but is not limited to, community integration
7 services, community rehabilitation services, intensive case management, daily living
8 support services, skills development services, day support services, wellness recovery
9 planning, trauma recovery, behavioral therapy and interpreter services.

10 **Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §3174-FF, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 2003, c. 673, Pt. MMM,
11 §1, is amended to read:

12 **2. Rules.** The department shall adopt rules to implement MaineCare Basic in
13 accordance with this section. Rules Except as provided in subsection 3, paragraph I, rules
14 adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter
15 375, subchapter 2-A.

16 **Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §3174-FF, sub-§3, ¶I** is enacted to read:

17 I. A member is eligible for community support services in accordance with rules
18 adopted by the department. Rules adopted pursuant to this paragraph are major
19 substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

20 **Sec. 4. Rules; MaineCare eligibility.** The Department of Health and Human
21 Services shall amend the rules in Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II,
22 Section 17, Community Support Services to include access to services to persons who
23 have a diagnosis of bipolar disorder, major depressive disorder, panic disorder or
24 post-traumatic stress disorder. Pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section
25 3174-FF, subsection 3, paragraph I, these rules are major substantive rules as defined in
26 Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A and must be provisionally adopted by the department
27 and submitted to the Legislature no later than January 1, 2020.

28 **SUMMARY**

29 This bill directs the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its rules in
30 Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Section 17, Community Support
31 Services to include access to services to persons who have a diagnosis of bipolar disorder,
32 major depressive disorder, panic disorder or post-traumatic stress disorder.