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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 739, L.D. 984, “Resolve, To Increase Funding for Children's Behavioral Health Issues in Order To Return to the State Children Who Are Currently Housed in Residential Treatment Systems outside of the State and To Suspend Certain Contracts Related to Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities”

Amend the resolve by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, To Develop Plans To Return to the State Children Housed in Residential Treatment Systems outside of the State'

Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to coordinate with families of children receiving services out of state. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services through its case managers shall coordinate with families of children who are receiving residential treatment services for behavioral health issues out of state to develop plans to bring the children back to the State to receive the required services that would be received under rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Section 97, Private Non-Medical Institution Services. The department shall negotiate reimbursement rates as necessary to find providers under Section 97 to provide services to children returning to the State, including deviating from the reimbursement rates established by department rules in order to access additional services.'

SUMMARY

This amendment removes from the resolve the sections relating to psychiatric residential treatment facilities and increasing MaineCare reimbursement rates under rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 65 and Section 97, Appendix D. The amendment requires the Department of Health and Human Services to negotiate reimbursement rates with providers to provide services to children returning to

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1 the State, including deviating from reimbursement rates established by department rules
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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)