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SENATE AMENDMENT “ ” to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “A” to S.P. 307, L.D. 952, Bill, “An Act To Ensure Access to Opiate Addiction Treatment in Maine”

Amend the amendment by inserting after the title and before the first paragraph the following:

'Amend the bill in section 1 in the first line (page 1, line 2 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "**§2211**" and inserting the following: '**§2212**'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §2211 in the first line (page 1, line 3 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "**§2211**" and inserting the following: '**§2212**'

Amend the amendment by striking out everything after the first indented paragraph (page 1, lines 12 to 28 and page 2, lines 1 to 26 in amendment) and inserting the following:

'Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 4 and 5 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 4. MaineCare reimbursement rates for outpatient opioid treatment. The Department of Health and Human Services may amend its rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 65, Behavioral Health Services regarding the reimbursement rate paid to outpatient opioid treatment providers to increase the rate from \$60 if the department determines that an increase is justified.'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 6 the following:

'Sec. 7. Authority to report out legislation. The Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature directing the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 65, Behavioral Health Services regarding the reimbursement rate paid to outpatient opioid treatment providers in order to increase that rate.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.'

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SUMMARY

This amendment amends Committee Amendment "A" by striking the requirement that the Department of Health and Human Services conduct a rate study, striking the provision mandating that the department increase the reimbursement rate for outpatient opioid treatment providers and adding language permitting the department to increase that rate if the department finds an increase to be justified. In addition, the amendment gives the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services the authority to report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to increase the reimbursement rate for outpatient opioid treatment providers. With the removal of the 2 initiatives requiring appropriations and allocations, the amendment strikes the appropriations and allocations section.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

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