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Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Increase MaineCare Reimbursement Rates for Targeted Case Management Services To Reflect Inflation

(EMERGENCY)

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2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and 3 Whereas, due to extensive waiting lists for both children's services and adult services, 4 targeted case management services are necessary to meet the essential health needs of 5 people with disabilities; and 6 Whereas, for more than 250 families on the waiting list for Section 29 services, targeted case management services are the only connection to essential support; and 7 8 Whereas, the reimbursement rate for targeted case management services has not been 9 adjusted since 2009 despite rising costs of wages, health insurance, technology and travel 10 and other costs: and 11 Whereas, case managers' duties and mandates have increased over the past decade 12 including required activities that are unreimbursed; and 13 Whereas, the State discontinued its own case management services in 2017 and increased the case load for targeted case management services delivered by community 14 providers by more than 1,200 adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and 15 16 Whereas, without an immediate increase in reimbursement to offset a decade of 17 inflation, providers will be unable to maintain the capacity needed to ensure individuals 18 with intellectual and developmental disabilities have access to targeted case management 19 services; and 20 Whereas, it is therefore essential that the Department of Health and Human Services amend its reimbursement rules to increase rates for targeted case management services no 21 22 later than April 1, 2021; and 23 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as 24 25 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it 26 27 Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to amend rules. 28 **Resolved:** That, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no later than April 1, 2021, the Department of Health and Human Services shall amend its rules in Chapter 29 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 13, Targeted Case Management 30 31 Services to increase reimbursement rates for targeted case management services by a percentage equivalent to the cumulative increase in costs measured by the United States 32 33 Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index medical care 34 services index in each year from 2010 to 2020. 35 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved. 36 37 **SUMMARY**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not

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This resolve requires the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its rules
governing MaineCare reimbursement for targeted case management services to provide an
increase reflecting cost increases from 2010 to 2020.