



129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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Resolve, To Stabilize the Behavioral Health Workforce and Avert More Expensive Treatments

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Sen. Breen of Cumberland

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	Projections FY 2021-22	Projections FY 2022-23
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$5,228,227	\$5,489,638	\$5,489,638	\$5,489,638
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$5,228,227	\$5,489,638	\$5,489,638	\$5,489,638
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$9,507,474	\$9,982,848	\$9,982,848	\$9,982,848
Revenue				
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$9,507,474	\$9,982,848	\$9,982,848	\$9,982,848

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$5,228,227 in fiscal year 2019-20 and \$5,489,638 in fiscal year 2020-21 for an 8% increase to rates for Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 65, Behavioral Health Services. Federal Expenditures Fund allocations are also included for the FMAP match.

A more current estimate would increase the FY 2019-20 General Fund appropriation by \$12,498,269 to \$17,726,496 and the FY 2020-21 General Fund appropriation by \$12,236,858 to \$17,726,496. This change was precipitated by PL 2017 c. 460 which increased rates for services in Sections 17, 23 and 65 which are included in the Clinic Upper Payment Limit calculations. The impact of those increases put the department at or slightly above the amount allowed to be paid by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. As a result, the rate increase in this bill would have to be paid with state general fund money only. Additionally, the original estimate did not include any of the medicaid expansion members. This new estimate assumes the impact of this new population.