TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Anthony Marple, Director, Office of MaineCare Services

SUBJECT: Proposed Rule: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapters II and III, Section 23, Developmental and Behavioral Evaluation Clinics

DATE: June 30, 2009

The Department proposes to repeal MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II and III, Section 23, Developmental and Behavioral Evaluation Clinic Services. The evaluation and assessment services covered in this section can be provided under other sections of the MaineCare Benefits Manual governing specific services, e.g., psychological testing, occupational therapy assessments, speech and language evaluations, etc. In addition, the current billing codes employed under Section 23 do not comply with federally mandated coding requirements. Providers will be directed to use standardized HIPAA compliant codes for the specific services they provide.

Rules and related rulemaking documents may be reviewed and printed from the Office of MaineCare Services website at http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/oms/rules/provider_rules_policies.htm or for a fee, interested parties may request a paper copy of rules by calling 207-287-9368. For those who are deaf or hard of hearing and have a TTY machine, the TTY number is 1-800-423-4331.

A concise summary of the proposed rule is provided in the Notice of Agency Rule-making Proposal. This notice also provides information regarding the rule-making process. Please address all comments to the agency contact person identified in the Notice of Agency Rule-making Proposal.
Notice of Agency Rule-making Proposal

AGENCY: Department of Health and Human Services, Office of MaineCare Services

RULE TITLE OR SUBJECT: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapters II and III, Section 23, Developmental and Behavioral Evaluation Clinic Services

PROPOSED RULE NUMBER:

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THIS RULE WILL NOT HAVE A FISCAL IMPACT ON MUNICIPALITIES.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 M.R.S.A. § 42, § 3173, Title XI of the Social Security Act, §§ 1171 – 1179 (42 USC §§ 1320d – 1320d-9); 45 CFR Parts 160 and 162

Health Insurance Reform: Standards for Electronic Transactions

PUBLIC HEARING: Date: July 29, 2009 8:00 am
Location: Conference Room 1A
        Department of Health and Human Services
        Office of MaineCare Services
        442 Civic Center Drive
        Augusta, Maine

Any interested party requiring special arrangements to attend the hearing must contact the agency contact person below before July 15, 2009.

DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS: Comments must be received by midnight August 8, 2009

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