

**Summary of Maine Department of Health and Human Services
Substance Use Disorder Initiatives in the FY22-23 Biennial Budget: May 18, 2021**

As part of the Behavioral Health Plan for Maine, DHHS is proposing the following initiatives in the FY22-23 Biennial Budget for Maine residents struggling with substance use disorder (SUD) and opiate/opioid use disorder (OUD). These proposals total \$29.7 million all funds (\$8.5 million general fund) for:

- Develop and launch a public awareness campaign for the Behavioral Health Service Locator Tool to be launched in 2022 and continue the OPTIONS campaign to prevent opiate overdoses (\$2 million from Fund for Healthy Maine)
- Increase MaineCare reimbursement rate for SUD Intensive Outpatient (\$3.6 million)
- Increase rates for residential SUD treatment: detox, 28-day programs, halfway houses, and extended care services (\$2.6 million)
- Fund anticipated expansion in number of residential SUD treatment beds resulting from approval of a Federal waiver to support adults served in facilities with more than 16 beds (\$1.9 million)
- Pilot MaineCare coverage programs for evidence-based interventions for parents with SUD (\$1.6 million)
- Implement a new MaineCare model for pregnant and postpartum members with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and their infants to improve care, improve outcomes, and reduce costs (\$4.7 million)
- Implement regular cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for SUD services that do not already receive regular increases, including Opioid Health Homes (\$2 million)
- Establish a Permanent Supportive Housing Health Home program to provide chronically homeless individuals with supports to achieve and maintain housing (\$2 million)
- Make use of Federal waiver to keep parents on MaineCare if they are working toward reunification with their children (\$7.3 million Budget Initiative)
- Provides increased infrastructure for DHHS to implement these new initiatives and establish the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic model that delivers fully integrated, open access, highly coordinated, evidenced based care (\$2.2 million)

This does not include the over \$13 million additional Federal funds for the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant and other funds dedicated to SUD in COVID-19 response legislation. It also does not include previous investments. Governor Mills' implementation of Medicaid expansion resulted in \$81 million in all-funds spending on SUD services in calendar years 2019 and 2020. Additionally, Maine DHHS spent \$5 million on medication assisted treatment rate increases of almost 35% in those years and invested \$5.5 million from the Fund for Healthy Maine in SUD activities.