

Newsletter

Maine Association of Psychiatric Physicians | June 2025

MAPP Advocacy

The Maine Association of Psychiatric Physicians (MAPP) is dedicated to advocating for the mental health needs of Maine residents. MAPP focuses on legislative advocacy, aiming to influence policies that impact psychiatric care. They work on issues such as improving access to mental health services, supporting telehealth initiatives, and opposing harmful medical protocols like step therapy. MAPP collaborates with the American Psychiatric Association to address broader mental health concerns and ensure that psychiatric physicians can provide high-quality, individualized care. Their efforts include engaging with lawmakers, providing expert testimony, and mobilizing members to advocate for mental health legislation.



LD 563

Maine LD 563 aimed to direct the Department of Health and Human Services to seek a federal waiver for Medicaid payments to psychiatric facilities with over 16 beds. Sponsored by Senators Baldacci and Bennett, it was filed on May 14, 2025, without passing.

LD 1866

Maine LD 1866 mandates the Department of Health and Human Services to contract with an independent agency to provide advocacy services for individuals with serious mental illness. This bill aims to ensure statewide support for these individuals, whether they are in their communities or hospitalized. Also adding “advocates are prohibited from giving medical advice”.

LD 1799

LD 1799 in the 132nd Legislature directs the Department of Health and Human Services to review the Progressive Treatment Program and involuntary psychiatric admissions. Drs. Maloy, Haddow and McCarley collaborated in the testimony, highlighting the need for comprehensive reviews to improve patient outcomes and ensure ethical treatment standards.

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