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An Act To Include Independent Practice Dental Hygienists in MaineCare

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3174-QQ is enacted to read:

§ 3174-QQ. Dental hygienist reimbursement

1. Reimbursement. By October 1, 2012, the department shall provide for the reimbursement under the MaineCare program of independent practice dental hygienists practicing as authorized under Title 32, section 1094-I for the following procedures:

- A. Prophylaxis performed on a person who is 21 years of age or younger;
- B. Topical application of fluoride performed on a person who is 21 years of age or younger;
- C. Provision of oral hygiene instructions;
- D. The application of sealants;
- E. Temporary fillings; and
- F. X-rays.

Reimbursement must be provided to independent practice dental hygienists directly or to a federally qualified health center pursuant to section 3174-V when an independent practice dental hygienist is employed as a core provider at the center.

2. Rulemaking. The department shall adopt rules to implement this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined by Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF (FORMERLY DHS)

Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147

Initiative: Appropriates and allocates funds for the costs of MaineCare reimbursement for 6 specific procedures provided by dental hygienists practicing independently effective October 1, 2012.

GENERAL FUND	2011-12	2012-13
All Other	\$0	\$54,320

PUBLIC Law, Chapter 457, LD 70, 125th Maine State Legislature
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GENERAL FUND TOTAL		<hr/>	\$0	\$54,320
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND			2011-12	2012-13
All Other			\$0	\$93,570
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL		<hr/>	\$0	\$93,570

Effective 90 days following adjournment of the 125th
Legislature, First Regular Session, unless otherwise indicated.