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**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
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125TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 58, L.D. 70, Bill, “An Act To Include Independent Practice Dental Hygienists in MaineCare”

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

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

**§3174-QQ. Dental hygienist reimbursement**

**1. Reimbursement.** By April 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 all procedures performed under Title 32, section 1094-Q, subsection 1. 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 services provided by dental hygienists practicing independently effective April 1, 2012.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

1	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>
2	All Other	\$54,320	\$271,601
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4	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$54,320</u>	<u>\$271,601</u>

5	<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>
6	All Other	\$93,570	\$467,852
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8	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$93,570</u>	<u>\$467,852</u>
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10 **SUMMARY**

11 This amendment removes the requirement that rules be adopted by April 1, 2012 and  
12 adds a provision to reimburse a federally qualified health center that employs an  
13 independent practice dental hygienist as a core provider.

14 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

15 **(See attached)**