

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND AND ELEVEN

H.P. 58 - L.D. 70

**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.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>
All Other	\$0	\$54,320
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$54,320</u>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>
All Other	\$0	\$93,570
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$93,570</u>

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In House of Representatives, ..... 2011

Read twice and passed to be enacted.

..... Speaker

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In Senate, ..... 2011

Read twice and passed to be enacted.

..... President

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Approved ..... 2011

..... Governor