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H.P. 282

House of Representatives, January 24, 2019

**An Act To Provide MaineCare Coverage for Dental Services to  
Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder**

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Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative TEPLER of Topsham.  
Cosponsored by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot and  
Representatives: BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, CRAVEN of Lewiston, DILLINGHAM of  
Oxford, HANDY of Lewiston, HEAD of Bethel, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, PERRY of  
Calais, Senator: CLAXTON of Androscoggin.

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

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

3 **§3174-BBB. Dental services to certain persons 21 years of age or older receiving**  
4 **MaineCare services**

5 **1. Reimbursement.** By December 31, 2019, the department shall provide for  
6 reimbursement under the MaineCare program for dental services to a person 21 years of  
7 age or older who receives under the MaineCare program support services for adults with  
8 intellectual disabilities or autism spectrum disorder. Dental services provided to such a  
9 person must be the same as those provided under the MaineCare program to an eligible  
10 person under 21 years of age.

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

14 **SUMMARY**

15 This bill directs the Department of Health and Human Services to extend MaineCare  
16 dental services to a person 21 years of age or older who receives support services for  
17 adults with intellectual disabilities or autism spectrum disorder. Dental services provided  
18 to such a person must be the same as those provided under the MaineCare program to an  
19 eligible person under 21 years of age.