

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 SECOND REGULAR SESSION

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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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5 **Legislative Document**

No. 1835

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7 H. P. 1838 House of Representatives, January 14, 1982
8 Approved for introduction by the Legislative Council pursuant to
Joint Rule 26.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services.
Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

9 Presented by Representative MacBride of Presque Isle.

10 Cosponsors: Representative Randall of East Machias, Representa-
11 tive Brenerman of Portland and Senator Perkins of Hancock.
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13 STATE OF MAINE

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15 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
16 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-TWO
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18 AN ACT to Provide that Procedures Covered by the Maine
19 Medical Assistance Program (Medicaid and Catastrophic Illness)
20 Shall Be Reimbursable Whether Performed by a Physician or
21 Dentist.
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23 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

24 24-A MRSA §2437, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 345, §2, is
25 amended to read:

26 Whenever the terms "physician" or "doctor" are used in
27 any policy of health or accident insurance issued in this
28 State, or used in the Maine Medical Assistance Program
29 (including Medicaid and Catastrophic Illness) these terms
30 shall include within their meaning those persons licensed
31 under and in accordance with the laws relating to the prac-
32 tice of dentistry, Title 32, chapter 16, in respect to any
33 care, services, procedures or benefits covered by that

1 policy of insurance or the Maine Medical Assistance Program
2 which those persons are licensed to perform notwithstanding
3 any provisions in any such policy of insurance or in the
4 Maine Medical Assistance Program to the contrary notwith-
5 standing.

6 STATEMENT OF FACT

7 This bill will ensure that services which are provided
8 to eligible recipients under the Maine Medical Assistance
9 Program shall be reimbursable whether they are performed by
10 a physician or a dentist as long as either is licensed and
11 qualified to perform the service. Presently, there are some
12 services which have been provided by dentists to Maine Medi-
13 cal Assistance recipients for which the dentist is not being
14 reimbursed even though the dentist was licensed and quali-
15 fied to perform the service.

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