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carrier's employee, the employee's telephone number and the employee's e-mail address. A carrier shall update this contact information on the carrier's electronic portal for providers or, if the carrier does not have an electronic portal, by other means of electronic notification to providers.

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CHAPTER 296 H.P. 1198 - L.D. 1787

An Act to Increase Seed Money Contribution Limits for Gubernatorial Candidates Under the Maine Clean Election Act

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

- **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1122, sub-§9,** as amended by PL 2007, c. 571, §10, is further amended to read:
- 9. Seed money contribution. "Seed money contribution" means, for a gubernatorial participating candidate, a contribution of no more than \$250 per individual made to the participating candidate, including the candidate or the candidate's spouse or domestic partner. For any other participating candidate, "seed money contribution" means a contribution of no more than \$100 per individual made to a the participating candidate, including the candidate or the candidate's spouse or domestic partner.

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CHAPTER 297 H.P. 1200 - L.D. 1789

An Act to Amend the Education Requirements in the Certified Public Accountant Licensure Laws

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

- **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §12228, sub-§3,** as amended by PL 2011, c. 478, §1, is further amended to read:
- **3. Education requirement requirements.** The education requirement for a license is and the education requirement to take the examination are as follows:
 - B. At least 150 semester hours of education, including a minimum 4-year baccalaureate or higher degree conferred by a college or university acceptable to the board, the total educational program

to include basic courses in accounting and auditing determined to be appropriate under board rules, is required for licensure. Rules adopted by the board pursuant to this paragraph are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A; and

C. An examination applicant who has successfully completed at least 120 semester hours of education, including the basic courses in accounting and auditing required by paragraph B, and who expects to complete a minimum 4-year baccalaureate or higher degree required in paragraph B within 120 days following the examination is eligible to take the examination. Grades may not be released, nor may credit for the examination or any part of the examination be given to the applicant unless the degree required in paragraph B is completed within 120 days following the examination or within such time as the board in its sole discretion may determine:

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CHAPTER 298 H.P. 1205 - L.D. 1800

An Act to Prohibit Health Care Entities Providing Dental Plans from Requiring a Dental Provider to Charge Fees for Uncovered Dental Services

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

- Sec. 1. 24 MRSA §2317-B, sub-§12-I is enacted to read:
- **12-I.** Title 24-A, sections 2770-A, 2847-X and 4261. Fees for covered dental care services, Title 24-A, sections 2770-A, 2847-X and 4261;
- Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA $\S 2770$ -A is enacted to read:

§2770-A. Fees for covered dental services

- 1. **Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.
 - A. "Covered dental service" means a dental service for which reimbursement is available under an insurance policy or contract or for which reimbursement would be available but for the application of contractual limitations such as a deductible, copayment, coinsurance, waiting period, annual or lifetime maximum, frequency limitation, alternative benefit payment or any other similar limitation.
 - B. "Dental provider" means a person licensed under Title 32, chapter 143, subchapter 3.

- 2. Prohibition of required fees for dental services not covered. An insurer that issues individual dental insurance or that issues health insurance that covers dental services may not require, directly or indirectly, that a participating dental provider provide dental services at a fee set by, or subject to the approval of, the insurer for a service that is not a covered dental service.
- 3. Fees for covered dental services. A fee for a covered dental service must be set by the insurer in good faith and may not be nominal.
- Sec. 3. 24-A MRSA $\S 2847$ -X is enacted to read:

§2847-X. Fees for covered dental services

- 1. **Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.
 - A. "Covered dental service" means a dental service for which reimbursement is available under an insurance policy or contract or for which reimbursement would be available but for the application of contractual limitations such as a deductible, copayment, coinsurance, waiting period, annual or lifetime maximum, frequency limitation, alternative benefit payment or any other similar limitation.
 - B. "Dental provider" means a person licensed under Title 32, chapter 143, subchapter 3.
- 2. Prohibition of required fees for dental services not covered. An insurer that issues group dental insurance or that issues group health insurance that covers dental services may not require, directly or indirectly, that a participating dental provider provide dental services at a fee set by, or subject to the approval of, the insurer for a service that is not a covered dental service.
- 3. Fees for covered dental services. A fee for a covered dental service must be set by the insurer in good faith and may not be nominal.

Sec. 4. 24-A MRSA §4261 is enacted to read:

§4261. Fees for covered dental services

- 1. **Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.
 - A. "Covered dental service" means a dental service for which reimbursement is available under an individual or group contract or for which reimbursement would be available but for the application of contractual limitations such as a deductible, copayment, coinsurance, waiting period, annual or lifetime maximum, frequency limitation, alternative benefit payment or any other similar limitation.
 - B. "Dental provider" means a person licensed under Title 32, chapter 143, subchapter 3.

- 2. Prohibition of required fees for dental services not covered. A health maintenance organization that issues individual or group dental insurance or individual or group contracts that include coverage for dental services may not require, directly or indirectly, that a participating dental provider provide dental services at a fee set by, or subject to the approval of, the health maintenance organization for a service that is not a covered dental service.
- 3. Fees for covered dental services. A fee for a covered dental service must be set by the health maintenance organization in good faith and may not be nominal.

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CHAPTER 299 H.P. 1217 - L.D. 1819

An Act Regarding the Brunswick Naval Air Station Job Increment Financing Fund

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

- **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §13083-S-1, sub-§3,** ¶**F,** as enacted by PL 2009, c. 641, §9, is amended to read:
 - F. Payments to the fund are not allowed for calendar years beginning on or after January 1, 2031 2035. If at least 5,000 8,000 net new jobs are created in the base area prior to 2031 2035, the services funded under paragraphs A and B must be reviewed by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over economic development matters in order to determine whether continuance of the fund is necessary.
- **Sec. 2. Annual financial report; strategic plan.** The Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority shall include in its annual financial report for fiscal year 2025-26 pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 13083-S, subsection 1 a strategic plan for the transfer of properties from the possession of the authority to a public or private party.

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CHAPTER 300 S.P. 716 - L.D. 1834

An Act to Clarify the Availability of Alternative Claims Payment Methods to Dental Care Providers

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