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CHAPTER 478 H.P. 884 - L.D. 1361

An Act to Require Insurance Coverage for Covered Dental Services Provided by Licensed Dental Hygienists

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

- **Sec. 1. 24 MRSA §2317-B, sub-§12-E,** as enacted by PL 2009, c. 307, §1 and affected by §6, is amended to read:
- 12-E. Title 24-A, sections 2765 and, 2847-Q and 4257. Coverage for services provided by independent practice dental hygienists or dental hygienists, Title 24-A, sections 2765 and, 2847-Q and 4257;
- **Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §2765,** as amended by PL 2015, c. 429, §11, is further amended by amending the section headnote to read:
- §2765. Coverage for services provided by independent practice dental hygienist or dental hygienist
- **Sec. 3. 24-A MRSA §2765, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 2015, c. 429, §11, is further amended to read:
- 1. Services provided by independent practice dental hygienist or dental hygienist. An insurer that issues individual dental insurance or health insurance that includes coverage for dental services shall provide coverage for dental services performed by an independent practice dental hygienist or dental hygienist licensed under Title 32, chapter 143 when those services are covered services under the contract and when they are within the lawful scope of practice of the independent practice dental hygienist or dental hygienist.
- **Sec. 4. 24-A MRSA §2847-Q,** as amended by PL 2015, c. 429, §13, is further amended by amending the section headnote to read:
- §2847-Q. Coverage for services provided by independent practice dental hygienist <u>or dental</u> <u>hygienist</u>
- **Sec. 5. 24-A MRSA §2847-Q, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 2015, c. 429, §13, is further amended to read:
- 1. Services provided by independent practice dental hygienist or dental hygienist. An insurer that issues group dental insurance or health insurance that includes coverage for dental services shall provide coverage for dental services performed by an independent practice dental hygienist or dental hygienist licensed under Title 32, chapter 143 when those services are covered services under the contract and when they are

within the lawful scope of practice of the independent practice dental hygienist or dental hygienist.

- **Sec. 6. 24-A MRSA §4257,** as amended by PL 2015, c. 429, §15, is further amended by amending the section headnote to read:
- §4257. Coverage for services provided by independent practice dental hygienist or dental hygienist
- **Sec. 7. 24-A MRSA** §4257, **sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 429, §15, is further amended to read:
- 1. Services provided by independent practice dental hygienist or dental hygienist. All individual and group health maintenance organization contracts that include coverage for dental services shall provide coverage for dental services performed by an independent practice dental hygienist or dental hygienist licensed under Title 32, chapter 143 when those services are covered services under the contract and when they are within the lawful scope of practice of the independent practice dental hygienist or dental hygienist.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 479 H.P. 936 - L.D. 1427

An Act Extending the Statute of Limitations on Criminal Actions Involving Aggravated Sex Trafficking

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

- **Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §8, sub-§2-A,** as amended by PL 2019, c. 113, Pt. C, §57 and c. 483, §3, is further amended to read:
- **2-A.** A prosecution for a Class A, Class B or Class C crime involving unlawful sexual contact or gross sexual assault or a prosecution for a Class A or Class B crime involving aggravated sex trafficking must be commenced within 20 years after it is committed.

This subsection does not apply to a Class D crime enhanced to a Class C crime pursuant to section 1604, subsection 5, paragraph B.

Sec. 2. Report. The Criminal Law Advisory Commission established by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 52 shall examine the statutes of limitation in Title 17-A, section 8 pertaining to sexual offenses committed against both adult and minor victims, including by examining whether parity exists between the statutes of limitation established in Title 17-A, section 8, subsection 1, paragraph B and section 8, subsection 2-A, as well as whether the