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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
107TH LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A" to S.P. 136, L. D. 440, Bill,
"AN ACT to Include Procedures Performed by Dentists and Dental
Hygienists under Health Insurance Policies and Health Care
Contracts which Pay Benefits for those Procedures if Performed
by a Physician."

Amend said Bill by striking out everything after the
enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 1. 24 MRSA §2303-A is enacted to read:

§2303-A. Dentist included in definition of physician

Whenever the terms "physician" or "doctor" are used
in any contract for the provision of health care services
or benefits under a medical care service plan operated by a
nonprofit hospital or medical service organization operating
pursuant to this chapter, these terms shall include within
their meaning those persons licensed under and in accordance
with the laws relating to the practice of dentistry, Title 32,
chapter 16, in respect to any care, services, procedures or
benefits covered by such contract which those persons are
licensed to perform. Those persons shall be compensated for
the provision of such services under the same terms and
conditions as allopathic and osteopathic physicians are
compensated including the differentiation in compensation
between participating and nonparticipating providers of such
services, any provisions in such contract to the contrary not-
withstanding.

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Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §2437 is enacted to read:
§2437. Procedures covered by health insurance policies
whether performed by physician or dentist

Whenever the terms "physician" or "doctor" are used in any policy of health or accident insurance issued in this State, these terms shall include within their meaning those persons licensed under and in accordance with the laws relating to the practice of dentistry, Title 32, chapter 16, in respect to any care, services, procedures or benefits covered by that policy of insurance which those persons are licensed to perform, any provisions in any such policy of insurance to the contrary notwithstanding.

Sec. 3. Applicability. This Act shall be applicable to all policies of insurance and health care contracts issued or entered into after the effective date of this Act.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to restate the bill in corrected language and to deal with health insurance and nonprofit plans in 2 separate sections since they are covered by different titles of the statutes.

Reported by the Committee on Business Legislation.

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