

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 1. Coverage provided. The Department of Human
2 Services shall provide dental services, reimbursed
3 under the United States Social Security Act, Title
4 XIX, or successors to it, to individuals 21 years of
5 age and over, limited to:

6 A. Acute surgical care directly related to an
7 accident where traumatic injury has occurred.
8 This coverage will only be provided for the first
9 3 months after the accident;

10 B. Oral surgical and related medical procedures
11 not involving the dentition and gingiva;

12 C. Extraction of teeth which are severely decayed
13 and which pose a serious threat of infection
14 during a major surgical procedure of the
15 cardiovascular system, the skeletal system or
16 during radiation therapy for a malignant tumor;

17 D. Treatment necessary to relieve pain, eliminate
18 infection, prevent imminent tooth loss; and

19 E. The provision of total dentures when necessary
20 to correct masticatory deficiencies likely to
21 impair general health, including necessary
22 adjustments, relines, repairs and replacements.

23 2. Report and study. The Bureau of Medical
24 Services shall, prior to January 30, 1990:

25 A. Report to the joint standing committee of the
26 Legislature having jurisdiction over human
27 resources on the experience of this program,
28 including:

29 (1) The number of individuals assisted by
30 the program;

31 (2) The services provided to those
32 individuals;

33 (3) The cost of services provided;

34 (4) Any significant limitations that have

1 become apparent in the scope of service
2 provided; and

3 (5) Recommendations and rationale for any
4 expansion of service that appears necessary;
5 and

6 B. Study the feasibility of contracting with a
7 prepaid dental plan, health maintenance
8 organization, or other entity for the provision of
9 Medicaid dental services to individuals 21 years
10 of age and over and submit the results of that
11 study, together with any recommendations, to the
12 joint standing committee of the Legislature having
13 jurisdiction over human resources.

14 **Sec. 2. Appropriation.** The following funds are
15 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the
16 purposes of this Act.

17 1988-89

18 HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

19 Payment to Providers of
20 Medical Care

21 All Other \$431,678

22 Provides funds to
23 cover certain dental
24 services to Medicaid-
25 eligible adults.

26 **Sec. 3. Allocation.** The following funds are
27 allocated from the Federal Expenditure Fund to carry
28 out the purposes of this Act.

29 1988-89

30 HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

31 Payment to Providers of
32 Medical Care

33 All Other \$867,773

1 Provides funds to
2 cover certain dental
3 services to Medicaid-
4 eligible adults.

5 STATEMENT OF FACT

6 The new draft provides a more limited expansion of
7 Medicaid dental benefits to adults than the original
8 bill. It also requires the Bureau of Medical Services
9 to report to the Legislature on this program.

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