

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 859

S.P. 322

In Senate, March 21, 1989

Reference to the Committee on Banking and Insurance suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative ROLDE of York.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-NINE

An Act Relating to Optometric Services.



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

3 **24-A MRSA §2841, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 254, §2,**
5 **is amended to read:**

7 **1. Coverage required to be made available.** Every insurer
9 which issues for delivery in this State group health policies
11 which provide coverage on an expense-incurred or other basis for
13 the services of a "physician" or "doctor" to residents of this
State shall make available to all groups coverage for such
services when performed by an optometrist, to the extent the
services are within the scope of the practice of an optometrist
licensed to practice in this State.

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17 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

19 This bill ensures that optometrists will be available to
21 participate in health maintenance organization related coverages
as well as preferred provider organizations. This provides a
23 broader scope of services through 3rd-party providers, which can
help curb rising medical costs.