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S.P. 95

In Senate, January 23, 1997

An Act to Consider Cost-effectiveness When Providing Medicaid Coverage for Dental Services.

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BENOIT of Franklin.
Cosponsored by Senator MITCHELL of Penobscot, Representatives: LOVETT of Scarborough, MARVIN of Cape Elizabeth, MITCHELL of Portland.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3174-F, sub-§1, ¶¶C and D,** as amended by PL
1991, c. 591, Pt. P, §13, are further amended to read:

6 C. Extraction of teeth that are severely decayed and pose a
8 serious threat of infection during a major surgical
10 procedure of the cardiovascular system, the skeletal system
or during radiation therapy for a malignant tumor; and

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

14 **Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §3174-F, sub-§1, ¶F** is enacted to read:

16 F. Other dental services, including full and partial
18 dentures, medically necessary to correct or ameliorate an
20 underlying medical condition, if the department determines
22 that provision of those services will be cost-effective in
comparison to the provision of other covered medical
services for the treatment of that condition.

24 **SUMMARY**

26 This bill requires that Medicaid coverage be provided for
28 dental services, including full and partial dentures, when
medically necessary to correct or ameliorate an underlying
30 medical condition and the coverage of these services is
cost-effective in comparison to other Medicaid-eligible medical
services used to treat that condition.