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S.P. 227

In Senate, January 26, 1999

**An Act to Allow the Use of the 1990 American Dental Association Form  
for Submission of Insurance Claims.**

(EMERGENCY)

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Reference to the Committee on Business and Economic Development 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 RUHLIN of Penobscot.

2           **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not  
become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted  
as emergencies; and

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6           **Whereas,** the 1990 American Dental Association standard claim  
form or "1990 ADA Form" is accepted by most health insurance  
companies in other states; and

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10          **Whereas,** health insurance companies in Maine do not accept  
the 1990 ADA Form for the submission of dental insurance claims;  
and

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14          **Whereas,** the current situation has resulted in delays in  
reimbursement and additional paperwork for dentists and dentist  
offices; and

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18          **Whereas,** the current situation needs correction immediately;  
and

20          **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts  
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of  
22          Maine and require the following legislation as immediately  
necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and  
24          safety; now, therefore,

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

28                 **Sec. 1. 24 MRSA §2332-E,** as enacted by PL 1993, c. 477, Pt.  
D, §5 and affected by Pt. F, §1, is repealed and the following  
30                 enacted in its place:

32                 **§2332-E. Standardized claim forms**

34                         **1. Claim form approved by Federal Government.** On or after  
December 1, 1993, all nonprofit hospital or medical service  
36                         organizations and nonprofit health care plans providing payment  
or reimbursement for diagnosis or treatment of a condition or a  
38                         complaint by a licensed physician or chiropractor must accept the  
current standardized claim form approved by the Federal  
40                         Government. On or after December 1, 1993, all nonprofit hospital  
or medical service organizations and nonprofit health care plans  
42                         providing payment or reimbursement for diagnosis or treatment of  
a condition or a complaint by a licensed hospital must accept the  
44                         current standardized claim form approved by the Federal  
Government.

46                         **2. Dental insurance claims.** Notwithstanding the  
48                         requirements of subsection 1, all nonprofit hospital or medical  
service organizations and nonprofit health care plans providing  
50                         payment or reimbursement for diagnosis or treatment of a

2 condition or a complaint by a licensed dentist must accept the  
3 1990 American Dental Association claim form, or "1990 ADA Form."

4 **Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §2753**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 477, Pt.  
5 D, §10 and affected by Pt. F, §1, is repealed and the following  
6 enacted in its place:

8 **§2753. Standardized claim forms**

10 **1. Claim form approved by Federal Government.** On or after  
11 December 1, 1993, insurers providing individual medical expense  
12 insurance on an expense-incurred basis providing payment or  
13 reimbursement for diagnosis or treatment of a condition or a  
14 complaint by a licensed physician or chiropractor must accept the  
15 current standardized claim form approved by the Federal  
16 Government. On or after December 1, 1993, all insurers providing  
17 individual medical expense insurance on an expense-incurred basis  
18 providing payment or reimbursement for diagnosis or treatment of  
19 a condition or a complaint by a licensed hospital must accept the  
20 current standardized claim form approved by the Federal  
21 Government.

22 **2. Dental insurance claims.** Notwithstanding the  
23 requirements of subsection 1, all insurers providing individual  
24 health insurance providing payment or reimbursement for diagnosis  
25 or treatment of a condition or a complaint by a licensed dentist  
26 must accept the 1990 American Dental Association claim form, or  
27 "1990 ADA Form."

30 **Sec. 3. 24-A MRSA §2823-B**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 477, Pt.  
31 D, §11 and affected by Pt. F, §1, is repealed and the following  
32 enacted in its place:

34 **§2823-B. Standardized claim forms**

36 **1. Claim form approved by Federal Government.** On or after  
37 December 1, 1993, all insurers providing group medical expense  
38 insurance on an expense-incurred basis providing payment or  
39 reimbursement for diagnosis or treatment of a condition or a  
40 complaint by a licensed physician or chiropractor must accept the  
41 current standardized claim form approved by the Federal  
42 Government. On or after December 1, 1993, all insurers providing  
43 group medical expense insurance on an expense-incurred basis  
44 providing payment or reimbursement for diagnosis or treatment of  
45 a condition or a complaint by a licensed hospital must accept the  
46 current standardized claim form approved by the Federal  
47 Government.

48 **2. Dental insurance claims.** Notwithstanding the  
49 requirements of subsection 1, all insurers providing group health  
50 insurance providing payment or reimbursement for diagnosis or

2 insurance providing payment or reimbursement for diagnosis or  
3 treatment of a condition or a complaint by a licensed dentist  
4 must accept the 1990 American Dental Association claim form, or  
5 "1990 ADA Form."

6 **Sec. 4. 24-A MRSA §4235**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 477, Pt.  
7 D, §12 and affected by Pt. F, §1, is repealed and the following  
8 enacted in its place:

10 **§4235. Standardized claim forms**

12 **1. Claim form approved by Federal Government.** On or after  
13 December 1, 1993, all health maintenance organizations providing  
14 payment or reimbursement for diagnosis or treatment of a  
15 condition or a complaint by a licensed physician or chiropractor  
16 must accept the current standardized claim form approved by the  
17 Federal Government. On or after December 1, 1993, all health  
18 maintenance organizations providing payment or reimbursement for  
19 diagnosis or treatment of a condition or a complaint by a  
20 licensed hospital must accept the current standardized claim form  
21 approved by the Federal Government.

22 **2. Dental insurance claims.** Notwithstanding the  
23 requirements of subsection 1, all health maintenance  
24 organizations and nonprofit health care plans providing payment  
25 or reimbursement for diagnosis or treatment of a condition or a  
26 complaint by a licensed dentist must accept the 1990 American  
27 Dental Association claim form, or "1990 ADA Form."

30 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the  
31 preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

34 **SUMMARY**

36 This bill requires nonprofit hospital, medical and health  
37 care service organizations, insurers and health maintenance  
38 organizations to accept the submission of the 1990 American  
39 Dental Association standard claim form for dental insurance  
40 claims.

42 This bill is an emergency and takes effect when enacted.