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No. 573

H.P. 452

House of Representatives, February 6, 2001

An Act to Require Health Insurance Carriers to Cover the Cost of Dental Surgery for Children in Need of Hospital Dentistry.

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

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative RICHARDSON of Brunswick.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BULL of Freeport, SCHNEIDER of Durham, SIMPSON of Auburn.

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

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Sec. 1. 24 MRSA §2332-M is enacted to read:

§2332-M. Coverage for hospital-based dental treatment for minors

All individual and group nonprofit hospital and medical services plan policies and contracts and all nonprofit health care plan policies and contracts must provide coverage for dental treatment performed:

1. Minor. On a patient who is a minor;
2. General anesthesia. Using general anesthesia; and
3. Hospital setting. In a hospital.

Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §2759 is enacted to read:

§2759. Coverage for hospital-based dental treatment for minors

All individual health policies and contracts, except accidental injury, specified disease, hospital indemnity, Medicare supplement, long-term care and other limited benefit health insurance policies and contracts, must provide coverage for dental treatment performed:

1. Minor. On a patient who is a minor;
2. General anesthesia. Using general anesthesia; and
3. Hospital setting. In a hospital.

Sec. 3. 24-A MRSA §2847-J is enacted to read:

§2847-J. Coverage for hospital-based dental treatment for minors

All group insurance policies and contracts, except accidental injury, specified disease, hospital indemnity, Medicare supplement, long-term care and other limited benefit health insurance policies and contracts, must provide coverage for dental treatment performed:

1. Minor. On a patient who is a minor;
2. General anesthesia. Using general anesthesia; and
3. Hospital setting. In a hospital.

Sec. 4. 24-A MRSA §4249 is enacted to read:

2 **§4249. Coverage for hospital-based dental treatment for minors**

4 All health maintenance organization individual and group
6 health contracts must provide coverage for dental treatment
performed:

8 1. Minor. On a patient who is a minor;

10 2. General anesthesia. Using general anesthesia; and

12 3. Hospital setting. In a hospital.

14 **Sec. 5. Applicability.** This Act applies to all policies and
16 contracts executed, delivered, issued for delivery, continued or
renewed on or after January 1, 2002. All policies and contracts
18 are deemed to be renewed no later than the next yearly
anniversary of the contract date.

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SUMMARY

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24 This bill requires health insurance policies and contracts
to provide coverage for dental treatment performed on minors
under general anesthesia in a hospital.