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An Act To Amend the Maine Health Data Organization Laws Regarding Dental Services

Submitted by the Maine Health Data Organization pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 28, 2005. Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MAYO of Sagadahoc.
Cosponsored by Representative MILLER of Somerville and
Representative: LERMAN of Augusta.

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

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4 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §8706, sub-§2, ¶C**, as amended by PL 2001, c.
457, §13, is further amended to read:

6 C. The operations of the organization must be supported
8 from 3 sources as provided in this paragraph:

10 (1) Fees collected pursuant to paragraphs A and B;

12 (2) Annual assessments of not less than \$100 assessed
14 against the following entities licensed under Titles 24
16 and 24-A: nonprofit hospital and medical service
18 organizations, health insurance carriers and health
20 maintenance organizations on the basis of the total
22 annual health care premium; and 3rd-party
24 administrators and carriers that provide only
26 administrative services for a plan sponsor on the basis
28 of claims processed or paid for each plan sponsor. The
30 assessments are to be determined on an annual basis by
32 the board. Health care policies issued for specified
34 disease, accident, injury, hospital indemnity,
36 disability, long-term care or other limited benefit
38 health insurance policies are not subject to assessment
40 under this subparagraph. The total dollar amount of
42 assessments under this subparagraph must equal the
44 assessments under subparagraph (3). For purposes of
46 this subparagraph, policies issued for dental services
48 are not considered to be limited benefit health
50 insurance policies; and

32 (3) Annual assessments of not less than \$100 assessed
34 by the organization against providers. The assessments
36 are to be determined on an annual basis by the board.
38 The total dollar amount of assessments under this
40 subparagraph must equal the assessments under
42 subparagraph (2).

44 The aggregate level of annual assessments under
46 subparagraphs (2) and (3) must be an amount sufficient to
48 meet the organization's expenditures authorized in the state
50 budget established under Title 5, chapter 149. The annual
assessment may not exceed \$1,346,904 in fiscal year
2002-03. In subsequent fiscal years, the annual assessment
may increase above \$1,346,904 by an amount not to exceed 5%
per fiscal year. The board may waive assessments otherwise
due under subparagraphs (2) and (3) when a waiver is
determined to be in the interests of the organization and
the parties to be assessed.

SUMMARY

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4 This bill clarifies that dental services are not limited
benefit health insurance policies and are subject to assessment of
permanent funding under the Maine Health Data Organization laws.