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An Act To Implement an Oral Health Capitation System for Children on MaineCare

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services 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 MILLS of Somerset.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3174-LL** is enacted to read:

3 **§3174-LL. Capitated oral health for children**

4 The department shall establish and implement a capitated oral health program for
5 children in the MaineCare program, referred to in this section as “the program.” The
6 program must provide comprehensive oral health services that promote access to primary
7 oral health care. The program must encourage oral health provider participation, ensure
8 accountability without undue administrative burden, achieve cost-effective use of
9 resources, target higher-needs children and lead to improved oral health outcomes. The
10 program must be administered through a contract with the department that is paid on a
11 capitated basis by the MaineCare program.

12 **1. Levels of treatment.** The program must provide the following levels of oral
13 health treatment:

14 A. Diagnostic, preventive and disease management services, including health
15 promotion, risk assessment, primary prevention and disease suppression;

16 B. Basic restorative care;

17 C. Advanced restorative care; and

18 D. Catastrophic care, including orthodontia.

19 **2. Administration.** The program must use a standardized oral health claims form in
20 wide use throughout the country and standard enrollment verification.

21 **3. Accountability.** The program must include accountability mechanisms,
22 performance indicators and measures and outcome assessments.

23 **4. Reimbursement.** The program must provide reimbursement to dentists and other
24 providers that is market-based and fee-for-service.

25 **5. Rulemaking.** The department shall adopt rules to implement this section. Rules
26 adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined by Title 5,
27 chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

28 **SUMMARY**

29 This bill enacts a capitated comprehensive oral health program for children under the
30 MaineCare program. The program must provide 4 levels of oral health treatment:
31 diagnostic, preventive and disease management services, including health promotion, risk
32 assessment, primary prevention and disease suppression; basic restorative care; advanced
33 restorative care; and catastrophic care, including orthodontia. The program must provide
34 market-based fee-for-service reimbursement for dentists and other providers. The bill
35 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt rules for implementation
36 and designates the rules as routine technical rules.