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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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STATE OF MAINE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

124TH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 187, L.D. 233, Bill, "An Act To Include Independent Practice Dental Hygienists in MaineCare"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

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

§3174-LL. Dental hygienist reimbursement

1. Reimbursement. By April 1, 2010, the department shall provide for the reimbursement under the MaineCare program of independent practice dental hygienists practicing as authorized under Title 32, section 1094-I for all procedures performed under Title 32, section 1094-Q, subsection 1. The department shall provide for MaineCare reimbursement to a federally qualified health center, pursuant to section 3174-V, when an independent practice dental hygienist is employed as a core provider at the center, or to an independent practice dental hygienist directly.

Sec. 2. Rulemaking. By April 1, 2010, the Department of Health and Human Services shall adopt routine technical rules to implement the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 3174-LL. The rules must include provisions that define an independent practice dental hygienist as a core provider when employed at a federally qualified health center.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF (FORMERLY DHS)

Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147

Initiative: Appropriates and allocates funds for the costs of reimbursing federally qualified health centers for services provided by employed dental hygienists practicing independently.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 187, L.D. 233

1	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2009-10</b>	<b>2010-11</b>
2	All Other	\$198,378	\$395,175
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4	<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$198,378</u>	<u>\$395,175</u>
5	<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2009-10</b>	<b>2010-11</b>
6	All Other	\$365,997	\$733,575
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8	<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$365,997</u>	<u>\$733,575</u>
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10 **SUMMARY**

11 This amendment allows federally qualified health centers to employ independent  
12 practice dental hygienists as core providers under MaineCare rules and provides for the  
13 reimbursement of federally qualified health centers for these services. The amendment  
14 also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

(See attached)



# 124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 233

LR 262(03)

## An Act To Include Independent Practice Dental Hygienists in MaineCare

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"**  
**Committee: Health and Human Services**  
**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

### Fiscal Note

	2009-10	2010-11	Projections 2011-12	Projections 2012-13
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$198,378	\$395,175	\$592,763	\$790,351
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$198,378	\$395,175	\$592,763	\$790,351
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$365,997	\$733,575	\$1,100,362	\$1,467,149

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Provides appropriations of \$198,378 in 2009-10 and \$395,175 in 2010-11 for the state share of the costs of providing MaineCare reimbursement to federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) for the services of dental hygienists practicing independently. Assumes initially five dental hygienists will be employed by FQHCs and provide services to an average of 15 adults and 30 children per week at an estimated per visit cost of \$43 for the adults and \$129 for the children, and that 50% of this initial utilization would replace existing services and 50% would reflect an increase in MaineCare dental hygienists services provided. Further assumes that an additional five dental hygienists will be employed by FQHCs each year in subsequent years.