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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
124TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" 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-PP is enacted to read:

§3174-PP. Dental hygienist reimbursement

1. Reimbursement. By October 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 October 1, 2010, the Department of Health and Human Services shall adopt routine technical rules to implement the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 3174-PP. 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 MaineCare reimbursement for services provided by dental hygienists practicing independently effective October 1, 2010.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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1	GENERAL FUND	2009-10	2010-11
2	All Other	\$0	\$52,580
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4	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$52,580</u>
5	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2009-10	2010-11
6	All Other	\$0	\$103,818
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8	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$103,818</u>
9	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND ARRA	2009-10	2010-11
10	All Other	\$0	\$5,321
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12	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND ARRA TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$5,321</u>
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SUMMARY

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

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)



124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 233

LR 262(06)

An Act To Include Independent Practice Dental Hygienists in MaineCare

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

Fiscal Note

	2009-10	2010-11	Projections 2011-12	Projections 2012-13
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$52,580	\$156,113	\$234,169
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$52,580	\$156,113	\$234,169
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$0	\$103,818	\$275,138	\$412,706
Federal Expenditures Fund ARRA	\$0	\$5,321	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Provides an appropriation of \$52,580 in 2010-11 for the state share of the costs of providing MaineCare reimbursement directly to dental hygienists practicing independently beginning October 1, 2010. Assumes initially that five dental hygienists will provide services to an average of 15 MaineCare eligible children per week each at an estimated per visit cost of \$115 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 an additional five dental hygienists each year in subsequent years.