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S.P. 159

In Senate, February 15, 2011

An Act To Prevent Insurer Limits on Certain Dental Fees

Reference to the Committee on Insurance and Financial Services suggested and ordered printed.

Joseph G. Carleton Jr.

JOSEPH G. CARLETON, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator ALFOND of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative EVES of North Berwick and
Representatives: GOODE of Bangor, STUCKEY of Portland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 24 MRSA §2317-B, sub-§12-G** is enacted to read:

3 **12-G. Title 24-A, sections 2767 and 2847-S. Limits on fees for dental services.**
4 Title 24-A, sections 2767 and 2847-S.

5 **Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §2767** is enacted to read:

6 **§2767. Limits on fees for dental services**

7 An insurance policy or contract for insurance between an insurer and a dentist may
8 not restrict, limit or otherwise control a fee that the dentist charges a patient for services
9 not covered by the policy or contract or the portion of a total fee for a covered service that
10 exceeds the amount covered by the policy or contract.

11 **Sec. 3. 24-A MRSA §2847-S** is enacted to read:

12 **§2847-S. Limits on fees for dental services**

13 **1. Dental contracts.** An insurance policy or contract for insurance between an
14 insurer and a dentist may not restrict, limit or otherwise control a fee that the dentist
15 charges a patient for services not covered by the policy or contract or the portion of a
16 total fee for a covered service that exceeds the amount covered by the policy or contract.

17 **2. Application.** The requirements of this Act apply to all policies, contracts and
18 certificates executed, delivered, issued for delivery, continued or renewed in this State on
19 or after January 1, 2012. For purposes of this Act, all contracts are deemed to be renewed
20 no later than the next yearly anniversary of the contract date.

21 **SUMMARY**

22 This bill prevents insurers from limiting dental fees that are not covered by the
23 insurer or the portion of a dental fee that exceeds the amount covered.