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House of Representatives, March 5, 2013

An Act To Improve Preventive Dental Health Care and Reduce Costs in the MaineCare Program

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative CAREY of Lewiston.
Cosponsored by Senator LACHOWICZ of Kennebec and
Representatives: FARNSWORTH of Portland, ROCHELO of Biddeford, ROTUNDO of
Lewiston, Senator: CRAVEN of Androscoggin.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3174-F, sub-§1, ¶D**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 159, §1, is
3 further amended to read:

4 D. Treatment necessary to relieve pain, eliminate infection or prevent imminent
5 tooth loss; ~~and~~

6 **Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §3174-F, sub-§1, ¶F**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 159, §2, is
7 amended to read:

8 F. Other dental services, including full and partial dentures, medically necessary to
9 correct or ameliorate an underlying medical condition, if the department determines
10 that provision of those services will be cost-effective in comparison to the provision
11 of other covered medical services for the treatment of that condition; and

12 **Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §3174-F, sub-§1, ¶G** is enacted to read:

13 G. A preventive oral health service once every 12 months to include, as necessary,
14 an oral examination, prophylaxis and radiographs.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill adds one annual preventive oral health visit to the MaineCare-covered oral
17 health services for adults 21 years of age and older.