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**STATE OF MAINE
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126TH LEGISLATURE
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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 870,
L.D. 1230, Bill, "An Act To Improve Access to Oral Health Care"

Amend the amendment on page 3 by inserting after the 3rd indented paragraph the following:

'Amend the bill in section 1 in §1094-FF in the first paragraph in the 11th and 12th lines (page 3, lines 8 and 9 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "a setting in a county designated as a dental shortage area by the federal Department of Health and Human Services;"

Amend the bill in section 1 in §1094-FF in the first paragraph in the 2nd line from the end (page 3, line 10 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "25%" and inserting the following: '50%'

Amend the amendment on page 3 in subsection 7 in the 2nd line from the end (page 3, line 17 in amendment) by inserting after the following: "anti-inflammatories," the following: 'nonprescription'

SUMMARY

This amendment does the following.

1. The bill allows a dental hygiene therapist to provide certain services while under the general supervision of a dentist in certain health settings, including a setting in a county designated as a dental shortage area by the federal Department of Health and Human Services and in a private dental practice that serves a population that is at least 25% patients covered by the MaineCare program or underserved adults. This amendment removes a designated dental shortage area as an eligible setting and increases the threshold for eligibility for private dental practices to those serving a population that is at least 50% patients covered by the MaineCare program or underserved adults.

1 2. The bill, as amended by Committee Amendment "A," allows a dental hygiene
2 therapist to provide, dispense and administer certain medications, including analgesics.
3 This amendment specifies that the analgesics are limited to nonprescription analgesics.

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