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LAWS
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STATE OF MAINE
AS PASSED BY THE
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PUBLIC LAWS
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CHAPTER 345

AN ACT to Include Procedures Performed by Dentists and Dental Hygienists under Health Insurance Policies and Health Care Contracts which Pay Benefits for those Procedures if Performed by a Physician.

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

Sec. 1. 24 MRSA § 2303-A is enacted to read:

§ 2303-A. Dentist included in definition of physician

Whenever the terms "physician" or "doctor" are used in any contract for the provision of health care services or benefits under a medical care service plan operated by a nonprofit hospital or medical service organization operating pursuant to this chapter, these terms shall include within their meaning those persons licensed under and in accordance with the laws relating to the practice of dentistry, Title 32, chapter 16, in respect to any care, services, procedures or benefits covered by such contract which those persons are licensed to perform. Those persons shall be compensated for the provision of such services under the same terms and conditions as allopathic and osteopathic physicians are compensated including the differentiation in compensation between participating and nonparticipating providers of such services, any provisions in such contract to the contrary notwithstanding.

Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA § 2437 is enacted to read:

§ 2437. Procedures covered by health insurance policies whether performed by physician or dentist

Whenever the terms "physician" or "doctor" are used in any policy of health or accident insurance issued in this State, these terms shall include within their meaning those persons licensed under and in accordance with the laws relating to the practice of dentistry, Title 32, chapter 16, in respect to any care, services, procedures or benefits covered by that policy of insurance which those persons are licensed to perform, any provisions in any such policy of insurance to the contrary notwithstanding.

Sec. 3. **Applicability.** This Act shall be applicable to all policies of insurance and health care contracts issued or entered into after the effective date of this Act.

Effective October 1, 1975

CHAPTER 346

AN ACT to Increase Costs and Fees Taxed and Allowed in the District Court.

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

Sec. 1. 4 MRSA § 174, sub-§ 1 is amended to read:

1. **Damages \$20 or more.** Where the damages recovered amount to \$20 or more;

Summons	\$3.50	\$5.00
Entry	1.00	2.50