

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
AS PASSED BY THE  
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THE KNOWLTON AND MCLEARY COMPANY  
FARMINGTON, MAINE  
1975

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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	<del>\$3.50</del>	\$5.00
Entry	<del>1.00</del>	2.50

Officers' fees for serving summons and writ of attachment, as allowed by the court		—
Attendance	<del>3.50</del>	5.00
Travel	<del>.66</del>	1.00
Witness fees, as allowed by the court		—

Sec. 2. 4 MRSA § 174, sub-§ 2 is amended to read:

2. Damages less than \$20. Where the damages recovered amount to less than \$20;

Summons	<del>2.00</del>	3.50
Entry	<del>1.00</del>	2.00
Officers' fees for serving summons and writ of attachment, as allowed by the court		—
Attendance	<del>2.00</del>	2.50
Travel	<del>.66</del>	1.00
Witness fees, as allowed by the court		—
To defendants who prevail:		
Pleadings	<del>2.00</del>	3.50
Witness fees as allowed by the court		—
Attendance	<del>2.00</del>	3.50
Travel	<del>.66</del>	1.00
To trustees who make disclosure:		
Disclosure	<del>1.00</del>	2.00
Attendance	<del>2.00</del>	3.50
Travel	<del>.66</del>	1.00
Witness fees, as allowed by the court		—

Sec. 3. 4 MRSA § 174, last 5 ¶¶, as amended by PL 1965, c. 19, § 2, are further amended to read:

If the prevailing party actually travels more than 10 miles for the special purpose of attending court in any such action, he may be allowed by the court for every 10 miles so traveled ~~\$.33~~ \$1.00

Copies of papers for removal or appeal to the Superior Court, to be paid by the appellant to the District Court and taxed in his cost by the Superior Court if he finally prevails \$5.00

If any attorney at law or other person demands or takes for a writ of attachment with a summons or for an original summons and complaint, returnable before a Judge of a District Court, more than the costs and fees allowed in the preceding paragraphs of this section from the defendant, he forfeits to the defendant not less than ~~\$5~~ \$10 nor more than ~~\$10~~ \$20, to be recovered in a civil action, but nothing ~~herein~~ contained in this section shall be so construed as to reduce the fees of District Courts otherwise established by law.

Fees in criminal cases.

Receiving a complaint and issuing a warrant ~~\$5.00~~ \$10.00

The aforesaid fees when received shall be disposed of as provided by the public laws.

Sec. 4. 4 MRSA § 175 is amended to read:

§ 175. Fees of court

The fees of the District Courts shall be as follows:

For every blank document with or without seal	<del>\$ .10</del>	\$ .50
Filing of action	<del>1.00</del>	5.00
Copy of summons, complaint, writ <del>of</del> or other process, or abstract thereof, together with copy of order of notice thereon, not less than 1.00 for the first page or part thereof, and <del>25¢</del> for each additional page or part thereof		
Exemplifying copies, not less than		\$1.00
Copy of decree of divorce or certificate of same not less than	<del>\$1.00</del>	5.00
Computing damages and taxing cost	<del>1.00</del>	2.00
Writ of execution or renewal	<del>1.00</del>	2.00
Every other writ and seal	<del>1.00</del>	2.00
Subpoena for one witness or more or with a duces tecum	<del>.10</del>	.50
<del>Removal or appeal</del> Appeal of court action to Superior Court including entry fee <del>\$7.00</del> \$25.00		
Removal of court action for Superior Court including entry fee		\$15.00