

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**LAWS**  
OF THE  
**STATE OF MAINE**

AS PASSED BY THE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

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**PUBLIC LAWS**

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Sec. 4. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from the Federal Expenditure Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1988-89

HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Medical Care — Payments to Providers

All Other \$331,261

Effective August 4, 1988.

CHAPTER 836

S.P. 945 — L.D. 2492

AN ACT to Expand the Medicaid Dental Program to Include Adults.

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3174-E is enacted to read:

§3174-E. Coverage for adult dental services

1. Coverage provided. The Department of Human Services shall provide dental services, reimbursed under the United States Social Security Act, Title XIX, or successors to it, to individuals 21 years of age and over, limited to:

A. Acute surgical care directly related to an accident where traumatic injury has occurred. This coverage will only be provided for the first 3 months after the accident;

B. Oral surgical and related medical procedures not involving the dentition and gingiva;

C. Extraction of teeth which are severely decayed and which pose a serious threat of infection during a major surgical procedure of the cardiovascular system, the skeletal system or during radiation therapy for a malignant tumor;

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

E. The provision of total dentures when necessary to correct masticatory deficiencies likely to impair general health, including necessary adjustments, re-lines, repairs and replacements.

2. Report and study. The Bureau of Medical Services shall, prior to January 30, 1990:

A. Report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over human resources on the experience of this program, including:

(1) The number of individuals assisted by the program;

(2) The services provided to those individuals;

(3) The cost of services provided;

(4) Any significant limitations that have become apparent in the scope of service provided; and

(5) Recommendations and rationale for any expansion of service that appears necessary; and

B. Study the feasibility of contracting with a prepaid dental plan, health maintenance organization, or other entity for the provision of Medicaid dental services to individuals 21 years of age and over and submit the results of that study, together with any recommendations, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over human resources.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1988-89

HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Payment to Providers of Medical Care

All Other \$215,000

Provides funds to cover certain dental services to Medicaid-eligible adults.

Sec. 3. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from the Federal Expenditure Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1988-89

HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Payment to Providers of Medical Care

All Other \$433,887

Provides funds to cover certain dental services to Medicaid-eligible adults.

Sec. 4. Effective date. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 1989.

Effective January 1, 1989.

CHAPTER 837

S.P. 794 — L.D. 2091

AN ACT to Establish a Pilot Program for Transitional Services for Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation Clients Between the Ages of 20 and 26.