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mination or relocation under this section or whether there is a substantial reason to believe the affected employees will be recalled within a reasonable time.

Sec. 5. Retroactivity. This Act applies retroactively to March 31, 2009.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 8, 2009.

CHAPTER 306

S.P. 554 - L.D. 1479

An Act Relating to Biomass Gasification

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

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §585-K, sub-§1, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 584, §1, is amended to read:

A. "Coal gasification facility" means a facility that uses a process other than the biological degradation of waste to convert carbonaceous coal or coal-derived materials into a synthesis gas or a product made from synthesis gas, including, without limitation, electricity, liquid fuels and chemicals.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 307

H.P. 188 - L.D. 234

An Act To Expand Access to Oral Health Care

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

Sec. 1. 24 MRSA §2317-B, sub-§12-E is enacted to read:

12-E. Title 24-A, sections 2765 and 2847-Q. Coverage for services provided by independent practice dental hygienists, Title 24-A, sections 2765 and 2847-Q:

Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §2765 is enacted to read:

§2765. Coverage for services provided by independent practice dental hygienist

1. Services provided by independent practice dental hygienist. An insurer that issues individual dental insurance or health insurance that includes coverage for dental services shall provide coverage for dental services performed by an independent practice

dental hygienist licensed under Title 32, chapter 16, subchapter 3-B when those services are covered services under the contract and when they are within the lawful scope of practice of the independent practice dental hygienist.

2. Limits; coinsurance; deductibles. A contract that provides coverage for the services required by this section may contain provisions for maximum benefits and coinsurance and reasonable limitations, deductibles and exclusions to the extent that these provisions are not inconsistent with the requirements of this section.

3. Coordination of benefits with dental insurance. If an enrollee eligible for coverage under this section is eligible for coverage under a dental insurance policy or contract and a health insurance policy or contract, the insurer providing dental insurance is the primary payer responsible for charges under subsection 1 and the insurer providing individual health insurance is the secondary payer.

4. Application. The requirements of this section apply to all policies, contracts and certificates executed, delivered, issued for delivery, continued or renewed in this State. For purposes of this section, all contracts are deemed to be renewed no later than the next yearly anniversary of the contract date.

Sec. 3. 24-A MRSA §2847-Q is enacted to read:

§2847-Q. Coverage for services provided by independent practice dental hygienist

1. Services provided by independent practice dental hygienist. An insurer that issues group dental insurance or health insurance that includes coverage for dental services shall provide coverage for dental services performed by an independent practice dental hygienist licensed under Title 32, chapter 16, subchapter 3-B when those services are covered services under the contract and when they are within the lawful scope of practice of the independent practice dental hygienist.

2. Limits; coinsurance; deductibles. A contract that provides coverage for the services required by this section may contain provisions for maximum benefits and coinsurance and reasonable limitations, deductibles and exclusions to the extent that these provisions are not inconsistent with the requirements of this section.

3. Coordination of benefits with dental insurance. If an enrollee eligible for coverage under this section is eligible for coverage under a dental insurance policy or contract and a health insurance policy or contract, the insurer providing dental insurance is the primary payer responsible for charges under subsection 1 and the insurer providing group health insurance is the secondary payer.