



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1486

LR 1782(01)

An Act To Reduce the Use of Hospital Emergency Departments for Preventable Oral Health Conditions

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Spkr. Eves of North Berwick

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$1,935,957	\$2,220,397	\$668,778	\$688,778
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$1,935,957	\$2,220,397	\$668,778	\$688,778
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$3,132,657	\$3,554,368	\$1,102,581	\$1,102,581

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The Department of Health and Human Services will require General Fund appropriations of \$1,935,957 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$2,220,397 in fiscal year 2014-15 for the net costs of expanding MaineCare coverage of oral health services for MaineCare eligible persons 21 years of age and older. Assumes 33,557 MaineCare eligible adults (25% of those eligible) will access these new oral health services at an average annual cost of \$442 resulting in total annual costs of \$14,832,194 (state and federal). Offsetting against these costs are assumed savings in hospital expenditures related to dental diagnostic codes and a re-direction of funds being spent on adult dental care. The bill's additional spending is assumed to fully phase in during the biennium while offsetting savings are assumed to phase-in over a longer period of time.