

**127th MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 474****LR 1536(01)****An Act To Improve Access to Dental Care in Maine****Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill****Sponsor: Rep. Gattine of Westbrook****Committee: Health and Human Services****Fiscal Note Required: Yes****Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement**

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$498,315	\$602,225	\$602,225	\$602,225
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$498,315	\$602,225	\$602,225	\$602,225
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$881,406	\$1,011,023	\$1,011,023	\$1,011,023
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$5,600	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue				
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$881,406	\$1,011,023	\$1,011,023	\$1,011,023
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$5,600	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The Department of Health and Human Services will require General Fund appropriations of \$498,315 in fiscal year 2015-2016 and of \$602,225 in fiscal year 2016-2017 to provide MaineCare coverage to provide diagnostic and preventive dental services to pregnant and postpartum women for one year after delivery, including MIHMS changes, testing and OIT oversight. Federal Expenditures Fund allocations will also be required for the FMAP match. The bill also requires the department to convene a stakeholder group to identify dental services necessary to avoid more costly medical or dental care. Depending on the recommendations of this stakeholder group, the required funding to align with this bill could increase.

It also requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide information concerning adult dental benefits to adult MaineCare members and providers. It requires the department to adopt rules relating to the dental coverage by October 1, 2015. Any additional costs to the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt the rules and provide information to MaineCare members are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.