



129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Promote Cost-effectiveness in the MaineCare Program and Improve the Oral Health of Maine Adults and Children

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 2019-20	FY 2020-21	Projections FY 2021-22	Projections FY 2022-23
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$3,631,897	\$4,183,815	\$3,888,551
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$3,631,897	\$4,183,815	\$3,888,551
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$0	\$10,299,636	\$12,045,892	\$11,527,981
Revenue				
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$0	\$10,299,636	\$12,045,892	\$11,527,981

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) will require General Fund appropriations of \$3,631,897 in fiscal year 2020-21 for the state share of the net costs of providing access to comprehensive preventive, diagnostic and restorative dental services for MaineCare eligible adults 21 years of age and older. This assumes 53,940 MaineCare eligible adults (30.8% of those eligible) would use this service annually at a cost of \$427.12 per person. Offsetting against these costs are assumed savings in the MaineCare emergency services and the current adult dental services provided outside of the emergency room used annually by this population. The bill's additional spending is assumed to be fully phased-in in the second year of the benefit, while offsetting savings are assumed to phase-in over a longer period of time. Additionally, there is a cost to the DHHS to develop and distribute public education materials related to the MaineCare dental benefit. Federal Expenditures Fund allocations will also be required for the FMAP match.