**Resolve, To Ensure That Access to Oral and Facial Ambulatory Surgical Centers in Maine Remains Viable**

**Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** ambulatory surgical centers provide cost-effective, high-quality health care; and

**Whereas,** only one freestanding ambulatory surgical center in Maine deals with facial and oral surgery; and

**Whereas,** the current MaineCare reimbursement rate is inadequate to cover such procedures; and

**Whereas,** without an increase in the reimbursement rate, the center will stop accepting MaineCare patients; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

**Sec.** **1. Department of Health and Human Services to increase MaineCare** **rate for certain dental procedures performed by freestanding ambulatory** **surgical centers. Resolved:** That the Department of Health and Human Services shall amend its reimbursement rate under the MaineCare program for dental code 41899 to $1,250 per procedure for freestanding ambulatory surgical centers performing procedures on the dentoalveolar structure. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

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

**SUMMARY**

This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its reimbursement rate under the MaineCare program for dental code 41899 to $1,250 for freestanding ambulatory surgical centers performing procedures on the dentoalveolar structure.