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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 716, L.D. 1834, “An Act to Allow Dental Care Providers to Opt In to Receive Claim Reimbursement Payments Made by Virtual Credit Cards”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'An Act to Clarify the Availability of Alternative Claims Payment Methods to Dental Care Providers '**

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §2436, sub-§1-A,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 232, §1, is further amended to read:

**1-A.** A claimant, including a health care provider, may submit simultaneously a claim for payment with all carriers potentially liable for payment of the claim whether primary or secondary. Payment or denial of a claim by each carrier must be made within 30 calendar days after the carrier has received all information needed to pay or deny the claim whether or not another carrier with which it is attempting to coordinate has acted on the claim. Upon request by a health care provider, a carrier shall provide the health care provider a method for making a claims payment using an electronic funds transfer through the automated clearinghouse network. Any payment made must be in accordance with rules adopted by the superintendent relative to coordination of benefits. For the purposes of this subsection, "health care provider" includes a person licensed to provide dental care services under Title 32, chapter 143, subchapter 3 and "carrier" includes an insurer that provides dental insurance.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

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### **SUMMARY**

This amendment replaces the bill and changes the title. Under current law, a carrier must provide a health care provider a method for making claims payments using an electronic funds transfer through the automated clearinghouse network. The amendment provides that, for the purposes of that requirement, a health care provider includes a person licensed to provide dental services under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, chapter 143, subchapter 3 and a carrier includes an insurer that provides dental insurance.