

STATE OF MAINE

—
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-SIX

—
H.P. 1438 - L.D. 2123

Resolve, to Improve Dental Care Access by Modifying the MaineCare Reimbursement Methodology for the Provision of Certain Dental Services

Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to remove requirement for prior authorization for deep sedation or general anesthesia for dental services. Resolved: That, effective July 1, 2026, the Department of Health and Human Services shall provide that prior authorization may not be required for the provision of deep sedation or general anesthesia for dental services to MaineCare members.

Sec. 2. Department of Health and Human Services to modify fee schedule; reimbursement rates for anesthesia provided for dental services. Resolved: That, effective July 1, 2026, the Department of Health and Human Services shall update the department's fee schedule for MaineCare reimbursement for dental services as follows:

1. The reimbursement rate for deep sedation and general anesthesia for dental services must be established at 67% of the commercial median benchmark and this rate must, at a minimum, be maintained until June 30, 2028 or until rates established pursuant to a dental rate determination conducted according to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 3173-J are effective, whichever is sooner; and

2. Deep sedation and general anesthesia services must be billed using current dental terminology codes D9222, D9223, D9224 and D9225.

Sec. 3. Department of Health and Human Services to modify fee schedule; reimbursement rates for certain dental services. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall provide for the following in its fee schedule for MaineCare reimbursement for dental services:

1. The temporary reimbursement rates for tooth extractions billed using current dental terminology code D7140 must, at a minimum, be maintained until June 30, 2028 or until rates established pursuant to a dental rate determination conducted according to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 3173-J are effective, whichever is sooner; and

2. The temporary reimbursement rate for dental caries arresting medicament application billed using current dental terminology code D1354 must, at a minimum, be maintained until June 30, 2028 or until rates established pursuant to a dental rate

determination conducted according to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 3173-J are effective, whichever is sooner.

Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147

Initiative: Provides funding for the Department of Health and Human Services to prohibit requirements for prior authorization for deep sedation or general anesthesia for dental services provided to MaineCare members and establish a reimbursement rate for these services at 67% of the commercial median benchmark.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$17,580
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$17,580</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$31,647
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$31,647</u>

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$5,787
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$5,787</u>

Sec. 5. Retroactivity. Resolved: That this resolve applies retroactively to July 1, 2026.