

STATE OF MAINE

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

—
H.P. 1164 - L.D. 1746

**An Act to Reduce Dental Disease and Ensure Access to Essential Preventive
Dental Care Among Maine Children**

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3174-S, sub-§2-A, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 635, Pt. AAA, §1, is amended to read:

2-A. School-based preventive oral health services. By January 1, ~~2025~~ 2027, the department shall provide preventive oral health services through the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention in all public schools in the State. The department shall establish public-private partnerships between state agencies or public schools and private corporations, individuals or organizations to allow mobile dental services providers to offer additional preventive oral health and disease intervention services in public schools.

Sec. 2. Mobile dental services providers in public health districts. The Department of Health and Human Services shall establish a model to provide for a mobile dental services provider in each public health district as described in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 411, subsection 5, based on the Cumberland County School Oral Health Project. For the purposes of this section, "mobile dental services" means dental services provided at a setting other than a permanent dental clinic. The department shall establish public-private partnerships between the department or school districts and private corporations, individuals or organizations to initially set up mobile dental services providers with equipment, supplies, logistics and methods of operation.

Sec. 3. Department of Health and Human Services to provide training and education to primary care providers. The oral health program within the Department of Health and Human Services shall provide training and education to primary care providers on minimally invasive dental disease treatment for infants and small children. The department shall ensure that all training and education is provided by licensed dental health professionals. The department shall use guidance from the From the First Tooth program or its successor program and the American Academy of Pediatrics to encourage the use of silver diamine fluoride by pediatricians in primary care settings to reduce dental disease and prevent cavities.

Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF
Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention 0143**

Initiative: Provides funding to contract with mobile dental services providers to deliver services in public schools and provides funding for ongoing training and education for primary care providers on minimally invasive dental disease treatment.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$325,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<hr/> \$0	<hr/> \$325,000