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An Act To Improve Dental Insurance Coverage for Maine Children

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

Sec. 1. 24 MRSA §2317-B, sub-§12-F is enacted to read:

12-F. Title 24A, sections 2766 and 2847R. Enrollment of dependent children in dental coverage, Title 24A, sections 2766 and 2847R;

Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §2766 is enacted to read:

§ 2766. Enrollment of dependent children in dental coverage

1. Offer of dependent coverage; enrollment period. All individual dental insurance policies and contracts that offer dependent coverage must offer the opportunity to enroll a dependent child in the dental insurance coverage at appropriate rates during the following periods:

- A. From birth to 30 days of age; and
- B. Any open or annual enrollment period.

Sec. 3. 24-A MRSA §2847-R is enacted to read:

§ 2847-R. Enrollment of dependent children in dental coverage

1. Offer of dependent coverage; enrollment period. All group dental insurance policies, contracts and certificates that offer dependent coverage must offer the opportunity to enroll a dependent child in the dental insurance coverage at appropriate rates during the following periods:

- A. From birth to 30 days of age; and
- B. Any open or annual enrollment period.

Sec. 4. Application. The requirements of this Act apply to all policies, contracts and certificates executed, delivered, issued for delivery, continued or renewed in this State on or after January 1, 2011. For purposes of this Act, all contracts are deemed to be renewed no later than the next yearly anniversary of the contract date.

Effective 90 days following adjournment of the 124th
Legislature, Second Regular Session, unless otherwise indicated.