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An Act To Include Independent Practice Dental Hygienists in MaineCare

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Representative RICHARDSON of Warren.
Cosponsored by Representative: SIROCKI of Scarborough.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3174-QQ** is enacted to read:

3 **§3174-QQ. Dental hygienist reimbursement**

4 **1. Reimbursement.** By April 1, 2012, the department shall provide for the
5 reimbursement under the MaineCare program of independent practice dental hygienists
6 practicing as authorized under Title 32, section 1094-I for all procedures performed under
7 Title 32, section 1094-Q, subsection 1.

8 **2. Rulemaking.** The department shall adopt rules to implement this section. The
9 rules must provide for reimbursement to the independent practice dental hygienist
10 directly. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined
11 by Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

12 **Sec. 2. Rulemaking.** By April 1, 2012, the Department of Health and Human
13 Services shall adopt routine technical rules as defined by the Maine Revised Statutes,
14 Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A to implement Title 22, section 3174-QQ.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill provides for reimbursement under the MaineCare program to directly
17 reimburse dental hygienists practicing independently as authorized under the Maine
18 Revised Statutes, Title 32, section 1094-I for all procedures performed under Title 32,
19 section 1094-Q, subsection 1. The bill directs the Department of Health and Human
20 Services to adopt rules to implement this provision and designates the rules as routine
21 technical rules.