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In Senate, March 11, 2015

**Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services  
To Adjust Reimbursement Rates for Dental Services under the  
MaineCare Program**

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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  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator McCORMICK of Kennebec.  
Cosponsored by Senators: BRAKEY of Androscoggin, HASKELL of Cumberland,  
Representatives: BURSTEIN of Lincolnville, GATTINE of Westbrook, MALABY of  
Hancock, MARTIN of Eagle Lake.

1           **Sec. 1. Rules. Resolved:** That the Department of Health and Human Services  
2 shall annually review and incrementally adjust during the 5 years following the effective  
3 date of this resolve the reimbursement rates under the MaineCare program for dental  
4 codes D0120, D0140, D0150, D0220, D0272, D0330, D1110, D1120, D1208, D1351,  
5 D2140, D2150, D2160, D2330, D2331, D2332, D2391, D2392, D2393, D3330, D7140  
6 and D7210 until the reimbursement rates reflect the 10th percentile of the fees for the  
7 New England region in the most recent "Survey of Dental Fees" published by the  
8 American Dental Association. After the reimbursement rates reach the 10th percentile,  
9 the department shall amend Rule Chapter 101, MaineCare Benefits Manual to require that  
10 the rates be adjusted annually for inflation in accordance with the United States  
11 Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index. Rules adopted  
12 pursuant to this section are routine technical rules pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes,  
13 Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

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#### SUMMARY

15           This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to incrementally  
16 adjust the MaineCare reimbursement rates for certain dental services annually over the  
17 next 5 years until the rates reach the 10th percentile of the fees for the New England  
18 region in the most recent "Survey of Dental Fees" published by the American Dental  
19 Association. The resolve provides that the rates must then be adjusted annually for  
20 inflation.