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SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 317, L.D. 441, “An Act To Expand Adult Dental Health Insurance Coverage”

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'PART A

Sec. A-1. 24 MRSA §2317-B, sub-§22, as amended by PL 2019, c. 605, §3, is further amended to read:

22. Title 24-A, section 4320-M. Coverage for abortion services, Title 24-A, section 4320-M; ~~and~~

Sec. A-2. 24 MRSA §2317-B, sub-§23, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 605, §4, is amended to read:

23. Title 24-A, sections 2766-A and 2847-W. The prohibition on a dental benefit waiting period for persons under 19 years of age, Title 24-A, sections 2766-A and 2847-W; ~~and~~

Sec. A-3. 24 MRSA §2317-B, sub-§24 is enacted to read:

24. Title 24-A, section 4320-R. Coverage for comprehensive dental services, Title 24-A, section 4320-R.

Sec. A-4. 24-A MRSA §4320-R is enacted to read:

§4320-R. Coverage for comprehensive dental services

1. Definition. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, "comprehensive dental services" means the following dental services:

A. Acute surgical care directly related to an accident where traumatic injury has occurred;

B. Oral surgical and related medical procedures not involving the dentition and gingiva;

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1 F. Providing information to the public about the services of the consumer assistance
2 program through a comprehensive outreach program and a toll-free telephone number;
3 and

4 G. Providing information to the public about access to comprehensive dental services
5 through health insurance coverage required by section 4320-R or through the
6 MaineCare program, including information about dental providers providing those
7 services.

8 **Sec. B-2. Transfers from available fiscal year 2022-23 Department of**
9 **Professional and Financial Regulation, Other Special Revenue Funds balances**
10 **to the Department of the Attorney General.** Notwithstanding any provision of law
11 to the contrary, on October 1, 2022, the State Controller shall transfer \$55,000 from
12 available balances in the Bureau of Insurance, Other Special Revenue Funds account within
13 the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to the Department of the Attorney
14 General.

15 **Sec. B-3. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
16 allocations are made.

17 **ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE**
18 **Administration - Attorney General 0310**

19 Initiative: Provides an allocation to the Attorney General for the additional costs of adding
20 dental services to its contract with a designated, nonprofit and independent health insurance
21 consumer assistance entity to operate the Health Insurance Consumer Assistance Program.

22 OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2021-22	2022-23
23 All Other	\$0	\$55,000
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25 OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$55,000

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27 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
28 number to read consecutively.

29 **SUMMARY**

30 This amendment is the minority report of the committee and replaces the bill.

31 Part A of the amendment requires health insurance carriers to provide coverage for
32 comprehensive dental services and prohibits a carrier from applying any cost-sharing
33 requirement to those services. The definition of "comprehensive dental services" is aligned
34 with the definition under the MaineCare program. Part A applies to policies and contracts
35 issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2023.

36 Part B of the amendment broadens the scope of services provided through the Health
37 Insurance Consumer Assistance Program to include assistance with obtaining
38 comprehensive dental services, including information about dental providers providing

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1 these services. The amendment also provides additional funds to the consumer assistance
2 program for this purpose and also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)