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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 884, L.D. 1361, “An Act to Require Insurance Coverage for Covered Dental Services Provided by Licensed Dental Hygienists and to Authorize Licensed Dental Hygienists to Bill Commercial Dental Insurance”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'An Act to Require Insurance Coverage for Covered Dental Services Provided by Licensed Dental Hygienists'**

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

**'Sec. 1. 24 MRSA §2317-B, sub-§12-E**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 307, §1 and affected by §6, is amended to read:

**12-E. Title 24-A, sections 2765 and, 2847-Q and 4257.** Coverage for services provided by independent practice dental hygienists or dental hygienists, Title 24-A, sections 2765 ~~and~~, 2847-Q and 4257;

**Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §2765**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 429, §11, is further amended by amending the section headnote to read:

**§2765. Coverage for services provided by independent practice dental hygienist or dental hygienist**

**Sec. 3. 24-A MRSA §2765, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 429, §11, is further amended to read:

**1. Services provided by independent practice dental hygienist or dental hygienist.**  
An insurer that issues individual dental insurance or health insurance that includes coverage for dental services shall provide coverage for dental services performed by an independent practice dental hygienist or dental hygienist licensed under Title 32, chapter 143 when those services are covered services under the contract and when they are within the lawful scope of practice of the independent practice dental hygienist or dental hygienist.

**Sec. 4. 24-A MRSA §2847-Q**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 429, §13, is further amended by amending the section headnote to read:

**§2847-Q. Coverage for services provided by independent practice dental hygienist or dental hygienist**

**Sec. 5. 24-A MRSA §2847-Q, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 429, §13, is further amended to read:

**1. Services provided by independent practice dental hygienist or dental hygienist.** An insurer that issues group dental insurance or health insurance that includes coverage for dental services shall provide coverage for dental services performed by an independent practice dental hygienist or dental hygienist licensed under Title 32, chapter 143 when those services are covered services under the contract and when they are within the lawful scope of practice of the independent practice dental hygienist or dental hygienist.

**Sec. 6. 24-A MRSA §4257**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 429, §15, is further amended by amending the section headnote to read:

**§4257. Coverage for services provided by independent practice dental hygienist or dental hygienist**

**Sec. 7. 24-A MRSA §4257, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 429, §15, is further amended to read:

**1. Services provided by independent practice dental hygienist or dental hygienist.** All individual and group health maintenance organization contracts that include coverage for dental services shall provide coverage for dental services performed by an independent practice dental hygienist or dental hygienist licensed under Title 32, chapter 143 when those services are covered services under the contract and when they are within the lawful scope of practice of the independent practice dental hygienist or dental hygienist.'

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

## SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill and changes the title. The amendment requires health insurance carriers to reimburse dental hygienists for covered services that are within their scope of practice if those same services would be reimbursed if provided by a dentist.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

**(See attached)**