

STATE OF MAINE

—
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE

—
S.P. 232 - L.D. 595

Resolve, To Ensure That Access to Oral and Facial Ambulatory Surgical Centers in Maine Remains Viable

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, ambulatory surgical centers provide cost-effective, high-quality health care; and

Whereas, only one freestanding ambulatory surgical center in Maine deals with facial and oral surgery; and

Whereas, the current MaineCare reimbursement rate is inadequate to cover such procedures; and

Whereas, without an increase in the reimbursement rate, the center will stop accepting MaineCare patients; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to increase MaineCare rate for certain dental procedures performed by freestanding ambulatory surgical centers. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall amend its reimbursement rate under the MaineCare program for dental code 41899 to \$1,250 per procedure for freestanding ambulatory surgical centers performing procedures on the dentoalveolar structure. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF
Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147**

Initiative: Provides funding for the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its reimbursement rate under the MaineCare program for dental code 41899 to \$1,250 per procedure for freestanding ambulatory surgical centers performing procedures on the dentoalveolar structure.

GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$148,115	\$147,806
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$148,115</u>	<u>\$147,806</u>
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$329,659	\$329,968
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$329,659</u>	<u>\$329,968</u>

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.