



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1486

LR 1782(02)

An Act To Reduce the Use of Hospital Emergency Departments for Preventable Oral Health Conditions

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$1,935,957	\$2,220,397	\$668,778	\$688,778
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$1,935,957	\$2,220,397	\$668,778	\$688,778
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$3,132,657	\$3,554,368	\$1,102,581	\$1,102,581

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Provides General Fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$1,935,957 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$2,220,397 in fiscal year 2014-15 for the net costs of expanding MaineCare coverage of oral health services for MaineCare eligible persons 21 years of age and older. Assumes 33,557 MaineCare eligible adults (25% of those eligible) will access these new oral health services at an average annual cost of \$442, resulting in total annual costs of \$14,832,194 (state and federal). Offsetting against these costs are assumed savings in hospital expenditures related to dental diagnostic codes and a re-direction of funds being spent on adult dental care. The bill's additional spending is assumed to fully phase in during the biennium while offsetting savings are assumed to phase-in over a longer period of time.