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House of Representatives, March 5, 2013

### **An Act To Improve Preventive Dental Health Care and Reduce Costs in the MaineCare Program**

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Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative CAREY of Lewiston.  
Cosponsored by Senator LACHOWICZ of Kennebec and  
Representatives: FARNSWORTH of Portland, ROCHELO of Biddeford, ROTUNDO of  
Lewiston, Senator: CRAVEN of Androscoggin.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3174-F, sub-§1, ¶D**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 159, §1, is  
3 further amended to read:

4 D. Treatment necessary to relieve pain, eliminate infection or prevent imminent  
5 tooth loss; ~~and~~

6 **Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §3174-F, sub-§1, ¶F**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 159, §2, is  
7 amended to read:

8 F. Other dental services, including full and partial dentures, medically necessary to  
9 correct or ameliorate an underlying medical condition, if the department determines  
10 that provision of those services will be cost-effective in comparison to the provision  
11 of other covered medical services for the treatment of that condition; and

12 **Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §3174-F, sub-§1, ¶G** is enacted to read:

13 G. A preventive oral health service once every 12 months to include, as necessary,  
14 an oral examination, prophylaxis and radiographs.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill adds one annual preventive oral health visit to the MaineCare-covered oral  
17 health services for adults 21 years of age and older.