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Resolve, To Improve Access to Dental Care through a Pediatric Medical Benefit

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

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ROBERT B. HUNT Clerk

Presented by Representative MASTRACCIO of Sanford. Cosponsored by Senator GERZOFSKY of Cumberland and Representatives: BURSTEIN of Lincolnville, DUNPHY of Old Town, FARNSWORTH of Portland, HYMANSON of York, KORNFIELD of Bangor, KRUGER of Thomaston, NOON of Sanford, SIROCKI of Scarborough. **Sec. 1. Pediatric medical benefit. Resolved:** That the Department of Health and Human Services shall amend Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual to ensure equity between payment for preventive dental services provided for pediatric members, including fluoride varnish applications and oral evaluations, by medical providers at federally qualified health centers, which must be set at a rate greater than the ambulatory encounter rate used for medical providers, and payment for such preventive dental services provided in settings other than federally qualified health centers.

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SUMMARY

9 This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its rules 10 in order to provide for equity between payment for preventive pediatric dental services, 11 including fluoride varnish applications and oral evaluations, provided by medical 12 providers at federally qualified health centers, which must be set at a rate greater than the 13 ambulatory encounter rate used for medical providers, and payment for such services by 14 medical providers in other settings.