

LD 1837: AN ACT TO INCREASE ORAL HEALTH SERVICES

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Children's
Oral Health
Network
of Maine



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1. Clarifies the intent of the expansion of the School Oral Health Program to apply to all public schools,
2. Directs MaineCare to develop an alternative payment pilot for financing school-based oral health services,
3. Authorizes the HHS committee to report out legislation in the 2024 session based on the recommendations of the next oral health report from DHHS that is due in December 2023, and
4. Makes two temporary oral health positions at the Maine CDC permanent (Oral Health Educator and Data and Research Assistant).

LD 1837 WILL HELP MAINE FAMILIES RECEIVE DESPERATELY NEEDED ORAL HEALTH CARE



SUPPORTS EXECUTION OF LEGISLATIVE ORAL HEALTH PRIORITIES

- Facilitates expansion of the Maine CDC School Oral Health Program
- Addresses needs identified in the implementation of the MaineCare adult dental benefit



INCREASES CAPACITY OF MAINE CDC TO LEAD ON ORAL HEALTH ISSUES LIKE:

- Oral health workforce development
- Data collection and analysis
- Oral health education
- Research on oral health disparities
- Procurement of federal funding to support oral health work statewide



SUPPORTS PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS ON ORAL HEALTH

- Increases state capacity to build and enhance private partnerships