

HOUSE BILL 723

By Dean

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56,
relative to coverage of certain treatment for
children.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, Chapter 7, Part 23, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

56-7-2368.

(a) All individual and group health insurance policies providing coverage on an expense incurred basis, individual and group service contracts issued by a health maintenance organization, all self-insured group arrangements to the extent not preempted by federal law and all managed health care delivery entities of any type or description, that are delivered, issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2012, in this state shall cover inpatient and outpatient dental, oral surgical, and orthodontic services that are medically necessary for the treatment of medically diagnosed cleft lip, cleft palate or ectodermal dysplasia for covered persons who are children.

(b) The benefits required by this section shall be subject to the annual deductible and co-insurance established for all other similar benefits within the policy or contract; provided, that the annual deductible and co-insurance for the benefits required by this section are no greater than the annual deductible and co-insurance established for all other similar benefits within that policy or contract of insurance.

(c) Nothing in this section shall apply to the TennCare program administered pursuant to the waivers approved by the federal department of health and human services, to accident-only, specified disease, hospital indemnity, medicare supplement,

long-term care or other limited benefit health insurance policies, or to any health benefit that is individually underwritten.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it.