

DENTAL MANAGED CARE AMENDMENTS

2017 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Allen M. Christensen

House Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill requires the use of fee-for-service reimbursement for Medicaid dental benefits.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ requires the Division of Health Care Financing to:
 - provide Medicaid dental benefits through fee-for-service plans; and
 - administer the fee-for-service program; and
- ▶ repeals the dental health care delivery system and payment reform pilot program.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

26-18-2.6, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapters 278

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **26-18-2.6** is amended to read:

26-18-2.6. Dental benefits.

~~[(1) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (8), the division shall establish a competitive~~



28 ~~bid process to bid out Medicaid dental benefits under this chapter.]~~

29 ~~[(b) The division may bid out the Medicaid dental benefits separately from other~~
30 ~~program benefits.]~~

31 ~~[(2) The division shall use the following criteria to evaluate dental bids:]~~

32 ~~[(a) ability to manage dental expenses;]~~

33 ~~[(b) proven ability to handle dental insurance;]~~

34 ~~[(c) efficiency of claim paying procedures;]~~

35 ~~[(d) provider contracting, discounts, and adequacy of network; and]~~

36 ~~[(e) other criteria established by the department.]~~

37 ~~[(3) The division shall request bids for the program's benefits:]~~

38 ~~[(a) in 2011; and]~~

39 ~~[(b) at least once every five years thereafter.]~~

40 ~~[(4) The division's contract with dental plans for the program's benefits shall include~~
41 ~~risk sharing provisions in which the dental plan must accept 100% of the risk for any difference~~
42 ~~between the division's premium payments per client and actual dental expenditures.]~~

43 ~~[(5) The division may not award contracts to:]~~

44 ~~[(a) more than three responsive bidders under this section; or]~~

45 ~~[(b) an insurer that does not have a current license in the state.]~~

46 ~~[(6) (a) The division may cancel the request for proposals if:]~~

47 ~~[(i) there are no responsive bidders; or]~~

48 ~~[(ii) the division determines that accepting the bids would increase the program's~~
49 ~~costs.]~~

50 ~~[(b) If the division cancels the request for proposals under Subsection (6)(a), the~~
51 ~~division shall report to the Health and Human Services Interim Committee regarding the~~
52 ~~reasons for the decision.]~~

53 ~~[(7) Title 63G, Chapter 6a, Utah Procurement Code, shall apply to this section.]~~

54 ~~[(8) (a) The division may:]~~

55 ~~[(i) establish a dental health care delivery system and payment reform pilot program for~~
56 ~~Medicaid dental benefits to increase access to cost effective and quality dental health care by~~
57 ~~increasing the number of dentists available for Medicaid dental services; and]~~

58 ~~[(ii) target specific Medicaid populations or geographic areas in the state.]~~

59 ~~[(b) The pilot program shall establish compensation models for dentists and dental~~
60 ~~hygienists that:]~~

61 ~~[(i) increase access to quality, cost effective dental care; and]~~

62 ~~[(ii) use funds from the Division of Family Health and Preparedness that are available~~
63 ~~to reimburse dentists for educational loans in exchange for the dentist agreeing to serve~~
64 ~~Medicaid and under-served populations.]]~~

65 ~~[(c) The division may amend the state plan and apply to the Secretary of Health and~~
66 ~~Human Services for waivers or pilot programs if necessary to establish the new dental care~~
67 ~~delivery and payment reform model. The division shall evaluate the pilot program's effect on~~
68 ~~the cost of dental care and access to dental care for the targeted Medicaid populations. The~~
69 ~~division shall report to the Legislature's Health and Human Services Interim Committee by~~
70 ~~November 30th of each year that the pilot project is in effect.]]~~

71 (1) The division shall:

72 (a) provide Medicaid dental benefits through fee-for-service reimbursement; and

73 (b) administer the fee-for-service program.

74 (2) The division may not enter into a contract with another entity to administer the
75 fee-for-service program.

Legislative Review Note
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