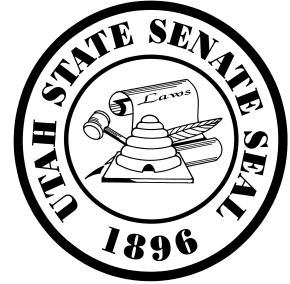




Performance Note
SB0039 - Medicaid Coverage for
Adult Dental Services
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Performance Note Report

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Agency: Department of Health

Funding For:

Serving a New or Larger Population

Public Benefit:

Purpose: Currently, Dental Services are not covered for non-pregnant adults on Medicaid. The purpose of this bill is to provide dental benefits to Medicaid clients who are blind and disabled adults.

Services: The services being provided by the funding increase will be dental services for blind and disabled adults on Medicaid.

Expected Outcome: The expected outcome of the program will be to improve the oral health of blind and disabled adults on Medicaid. The public will benefit from the improved oral health of this population because oral health impacts overall health of our Medicaid clients.

Implementations and Resources: To implement the bill, the Department will be required to amend the waiver (as indicated in Line 35) as well as the state plan. For populations outside of Salt Lake County, Line 49-50 requires UDOH to either enter into a managed care arrangement or develop other risk sharing methodologies. To implement the Managed Care option, this will require UDOH to create and enter into new contracts with both the University of Utah Dental school as well as with managed care plans. The contracts will require staff to conduct oversight and quality assurance activities that are required by federal regulation. The bill does not indicate whether UDOH would be required to go out on RFP for the managed care plans or whether the new population would be automatically placed in the existing managed care dental plans. If an RFP is required this will take additional staff time. Any rates paid to the managed care plans will have to be actuarially certified by UDOH's contracted actuaries. The managed care plans are only operating in four counties. To implement the "other sharing methodologies" option, this will require the Department to develop the methodology, get the buy-in from stakeholders, and execute any contracts, state plan amendments or waivers needed.

How: Currently, there is no Medicaid dental services available to non-pregnant adults. The agency activities will establish the program in accordance with state and federal regulations necessary to deliver the Medicaid dental benefits to blind and disabled adults.

Performance Measures

Goal

Title: Annual Dental Visit

Description: The percentage of Medicaid members eligible for Adult Dental who had at least one dental visit during the measurement year.

Collection Method: The Bureau of Managed Health Care (BMHC) will work with the Office of Health Care Statistics to establish the standards for the measure and collect the baseline data. After the baseline is established, BMHC will work with the School of Dentistry, the managed care dental plans, and other stakeholders to identify an appropriate increase to target.

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