

1                   **MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR ADULT DENTAL SERVICES**

2                                   2016 GENERAL SESSION

3                                   STATE OF UTAH

4                           **Chief Sponsor: Stephen H. Urquhart**

5                           House Sponsor: Paul Ray

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7   **LONG TITLE**

8   **Committee Note:**

9           The Health Reform Task Force recommended this bill.

10 **General Description:**

11           This bill directs the Department of Health to seek federal waivers authorizing the  
12 Medicaid program to provide dental services to blind or disabled adults already eligible  
13 for Medicaid.

14 **Highlighted Provisions:**

15           This bill:

16           ▶ requires the Department of Health to request waivers from federal law necessary for  
17 the Medicaid program to provide dental services to blind or disabled adults already  
18 eligible for Medicaid;

19           ▶ specifies that within Salt Lake County dental services shall be provided to the extent  
20 possible through the University of Utah School of Dentistry;

21           ▶ requires the University of Utah School of Dentistry to annually transfer funds to the  
22 Medicaid program to cover the non-federal share of the cost of providing dental  
23 services through the school;

24           ▶ specifies an implementation deadline; and

25           ▶ requires indefinite cessation of dental services if the federal share of the cost of  
26 providing the services falls below 65%.

27 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**



28 None

29 **Other Special Clauses:**

30 None

31 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

32 ENACTS:

33 **26-18-411**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

36 Section 1. Section **26-18-411** is enacted to read:

37 **26-18-411. Medicaid waiver for delivery of adult dental services.**

38 (1) No later than June 30, 2016, the department shall ask the United States Secretary of  
39 Health and Human Services to grant waivers from federal statutory and regulatory law  
40 necessary for the Medicaid program to provide dental services in the manner described in  
41 Subsection (2).

42 (2) (a) Services shall be provided to only blind or disabled individuals, as defined in 42  
43 U.S.C. Sec. 1382c(a)(1), who are 18 years of age or older and eligible for the program.

44 (b) To the extent possible, services within Salt Lake County shall be provided through  
45 the University of Utah School of Dentistry.

46 (c) Each fiscal year, the University of Utah School of Dentistry shall transfer money to  
47 the program in an amount equal to the program's non-federal share of the cost of providing  
48 services under this section through the school during the fiscal year.

49 (d) During each general session of the Legislature, the department shall report to the  
50 Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee whether the University of Utah School of  
51 Dentistry will have sufficient funds to make the transfer required by Subsection (2)(c) for the  
52 current fiscal year.

53 (e) Where possible, services not provided by the University of Utah School of  
54 Dentistry shall be provided through managed care or other risk sharing arrangements.

55 (f) Subject to appropriations by the Legislature, and as determined by the department,  
56 the scope, amount, duration, and frequency of services may be limited.

57 (3) The reporting requirements of Section **26-18-3** apply to the waivers requested under  
58 Subsection (1).

59           (4) If the waivers requested under Subsection (1) are granted, the Medicaid program  
60 shall begin providing dental services in the manner described in Subsection (2) no later than  
61 January 1, 2017.

62           (5) If the federal share of the cost of providing dental services under this section will be  
63 less than 65% during any portion of the next fiscal year, the Medicaid program shall cease  
64 providing dental services under this section indefinitely no later than the end of the current  
65 fiscal year.

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**Legislative Review Note**  
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