

1 **MEDICAID DENTAL REIMBURSEMENT**

2 **AMENDMENTS**

3 2006 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Steven R. Mascaro**

6 Senate Sponsor: _____

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8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10 This bill establishes a statutory requirement, within appropriations from the Legislature,
11 to reimburse dentists providing children's Medicaid dental services at 75% of the
12 Mountain Region fee schedule for dental services, and appropriates \$2.7 million on an
13 ongoing basis, to raise the reimbursement rate for children's dental services for fiscal
14 year 2006-07.

15 **Highlighted Provisions:**

16 This bill:

17 ▶ enacts a statute to establish a standard for reimbursing dentists providing Medicaid
18 services for children.

19 **Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

20 This bill appropriates:

21 ▶ as an ongoing appropriation subject to future budget constraints, \$2.7 million from
22 the General Fund for fiscal year 2006-07 to the Department of Health to fund
23 children's dental services in the Medicaid program.

24 **Other Special Clauses:**

25 None

26 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

27 ENACTS:



28 **26-18-3.2**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

31 Section 1. Section **26-18-3.2** is enacted to read:

32 **26-18-3.2. Dental services -- Medicaid program.**

33 (1) The purpose of this section is to increase the number of dentists that will be able to
34 financially support dental services to children in the Medicaid program and increase access to
35 dental services for children on Medicaid.

36 (2) Within appropriations from the Legislature, the department may amend the state
37 plan for medical assistance to establish and maintain a Medicaid reimbursement rate for dental
38 services for children at 75% of the median fee of the Mountain Region as determined by the
39 American Dental Association fee schedule surveys.

40 Section 2. **Appropriation.**

41 As an ongoing appropriation subject to future budget constraints, there is appropriated
42 from the General Fund for fiscal year 2006-07, \$2.7 million to the Department of Health to
43 raise the reimbursement rate, pursuant to Section 26-18-3.2, for dental services for children in
44 the Medicaid program.

Legislative Review Note
as of 11-9-05 1:48 PM

Based on a limited legal review, this legislation has not been determined to have a high probability of being held unconstitutional.

Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel

Interim Committee Note
as of 12-16-05 8:19 AM

The Health and Human Services Interim Committee recommended this bill.

State Impact

This bill appropriates \$2,700,000 General Fund starting in FY 2007 to the Utah Department of Health to raise the reimbursement rate for dental services for children. The State funding is matched with federal funds at a ratio of 30 to 70 percent reimbursement rate. The ongoing appropriation may need to be increased in future years to maintain the 75 percent reimbursement rate.

	<u>FY 2007</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2008</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2007</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>FY 2008</u> <u>Revenue</u>
General Fund	\$2,700,000	\$2,700,000	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$6,387,800	\$6,387,800	\$6,387,800	\$6,387,800
TOTAL	\$9,087,800	\$9,087,800	\$6,387,800	\$6,387,800

Individual and Business Impact

Dentists who treat children on Medicaid could receive an increase bringing their reimbursement rate up to 75 percent of the median fee of the Mountain Region's billable amount for the service.
