

59 Medicaid dental benefits to increase access to cost effective and quality dental health care by
 60 increasing the number of dentists available for Medicaid dental services; and

61 (ii) target specific Medicaid populations or geographic areas in the state.

62 (b) The pilot program shall establish compensation models for dentists and dental
 63 hygienists that:

64 (i) increase access to quality, cost effective dental care; and

65 (ii) use ~~H~~→ [the state's primary care grants] funds from the Division of Family Health
 65a and Preparedness that are available ←~~H~~ to reimburse dentists for educational loans in
 66 exchange for the dentist agreeing to serve Medicaid and under-served populations.

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

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