

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 funds from the Division of Family Health and Preparedness that are available to  
66 reimburse dentists for educational loans in exchange for the dentist agreeing to serve Medicaid  
67 and under-served populations.

68 (c) The division may amend the state plan and apply to the Secretary of Health and  
69 Human Services for waivers or pilot programs if necessary to establish the new dental care  
70 delivery and payment reform model.

71 (d) The division shall evaluate the pilot program's effect on the cost of dental care and  
72 access to dental care for the targeted Medicaid populations.

73 (9) (a) As used in this Subsection (9), "dental hygienist" means an individual who is  
74 licensed as a dental hygienist under Section 58-69-301.

75 (b) The department shall reimburse a dental hygienist ~~§~~→ **for dental services performed in**  
75a **a public health setting and ~~←~~§** in accordance with Subsection

76 (9)(c) beginning on the earlier of:

77 (i) January 1, 2023; or

78 (ii) 30 days after the date on which the replacement of the department's Medicaid  
79 Management Information System software is complete.

80 (c) The department shall reimburse a dental hygienist directly for a service provided  
81 through the Medicaid program if:

82 (i) the dental hygienist requests to be reimbursed directly; and

83 (ii) the dental hygienist provides the service within the scope of practice described in  
84 Section 58-69-801.

85 (d) Before November 30 of each year in which the department reimburses dental  
86 hygienists in accordance with Subsection (9)(c), the department shall report to the Health and  
87 Human Services Interim Committee, for the previous fiscal year:

88 (i) the number and geographic distribution of dental hygienists who requested to be  
89 reimbursed directly;

- 90 (ii) the total number of Medicaid enrollees who were served by a dental hygienist who  
 91 were reimbursed under this Subsection (9); ~~§~~→ [and] ←~~§~~
- 92 (iii) the total amount reimbursed directly to dental hygienists under this Subsection (9) ~~§~~→  
 92a [;] ;
- 92b (iv) the specific services and billing codes that are reimbursed under this Subsection (9); and  
 92c (v) the aggregate amount reimbursed for each service and billing code described in Subsection  
 92d (9)(d)(iv).
- 92e (e) (i) Except as provided in this Subsection (9), nothing in this Subsection (9) shall be  
 92f interpreted as expanding or otherwise altering the limitations and scope of practice for a  
 92g dental hygienist.
- 92h (ii) A dental hygienist may only directly bill and receive compensation for billing codes that  
 92i fall within the scope of practice of a dental hygienist. ~~←§~~
- 93 Section 2. Section **63I-1-226** is amended to read:
- 94 **63I-1-226. Repeal dates, Title 26.**
- 95 (1) Subsection **26-1-7(1)(f)**, related to the Residential Child Care Licensing Advisory  
 96 Committee, is repealed July 1, 2024.
- 97 (2) Subsection **26-1-7(1)(h)**, related to the Primary Care Grant Committee, is repealed  
 98 July 1, 2025.
- 99 (3) Section **26-1-7.5**, which creates the Utah Health Advisory Council, is repealed July  
 100 1, 2025.
- 101 (4) Section **26-1-40** is repealed July 1, 2022.
- 102 (5) Section **26-1-41** is repealed July 1, 2026.
- 103 (6) Section **26-7-10** is repealed July 1, 2025.
- 104 (7) Subsection **26-7-11(5)**, regarding reports to the Legislature, is repealed July 1,  
 105 2028.
- 106 (8) Section **26-7-14** is repealed December 31, 2027.
- 107 (9) Title 26, Chapter 9f, Utah Digital Health Service Commission Act, is repealed July  
 108 1, 2025.
- 109 (10) Subsection **26-10-6(5)**, which creates the Newborn Hearing Screening Committee,  
 110 is repealed July 1, 2026.
- 111 (11) Section **26-10-11** is repealed July 1, 2025.
- 112 (12) Section **26-10b-106**, which creates the Primary Care Grant Committee, is repealed  
 113 July 1, 2025.
- 114 (13) Subsection **26-18-2.6(9)**, which addresses reimbursement for dental hygienists, is