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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING PROVIDING ORAL HEALTH SERVICES TO PREGNANT  
102 WOMEN WHO ARE ENROLLED IN MEDICAID.

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Bill Summary

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billssummaries>.)*

The bill includes dental services as a benefit for pregnant women under Colorado's medicaid program. The implementation date is January 1, 2014. The dental services provided to pregnant women will include those relevant dental services provided to children under the early and periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment benefit, with the addition of

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

certain supplemental dental services.

The department of health care policy and financing (state department) is required to report to the general assembly concerning the oral health outcomes for pregnant women and their children and the cost-effectiveness of providing the dental benefits to pregnant women, and is authorized to contract for an independent evaluation of the program.

The state department is authorized to seek gifts, grants, and donations to pay for any necessary computer system changes and federal authorization for the dental benefit and services. The provision concerning gifts, grants, and donations repeals after three years.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

**SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25.5-5-202, **add** (1) (r.5) as follows:

**25.5-5-202. Basic services for the categorically needy - optional services - repeal.** (1) Subject to the provisions of subsection (2) of this section, the following are services for which federal financial participation is available and which Colorado has selected to provide as optional services under the medical assistance program:

(r.5) DENTAL SERVICES FOR PREGNANT WOMEN PURSUANT TO SECTION 25.5-5-207.

**SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 25.5-5-207 as follows:

**25.5-5-207. Dental services for pregnant women - legislative declaration - report - notice of funding through gifts, grants, and donations - repeal.** (1) (a) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES:

(I) COMPREHENSIVE ORAL HEALTH SERVICES ARE NOT CURRENTLY PROVIDED TO PREGNANT AND POSTPARTUM WOMEN UNDER COLORADO'S MEDICAID PROGRAM;

1 (II) RESEARCH HAS SHOWN THAT UNTREATED ORAL HEALTH  
2 CONDITIONS INVOLVING BACTERIAL INFECTION AND INFLAMMATION MAY  
3 RESULT IN MEDICAL COMPLICATIONS THAT IMPACT A WOMAN'S  
4 PREGNANCY;

5 (III) FURTHER, THE PREGNANT WOMAN'S POOR ORAL HEALTH MAY  
6 AFFECT THE FETUS AND MAY RESULT IN PREGNANCY COMPLICATIONS FOR  
7 THE FETUS, INCLUDING PRE-TERM DELIVERY AND LOW BIRTH WEIGHT;

8 (IV) BABIES BORN WITH A LOW BIRTH WEIGHT CAN HAVE MEDICAL  
9 PROBLEMS THAT LAST A LIFETIME, AND THE COST OF PROVIDING MEDICAL  
10 CARE FOR THESE BABIES UNDER THE MEDICAID PROGRAM, INCLUDING  
11 CONTINUING CARE FOR A PRE-TERM, LOW-BIRTH-WEIGHT CHILD, IS  
12 SIGNIFICANT;

13 (V) ADDITIONALLY, A MOTHER'S UNTREATED ORAL HEALTH  
14 CONDITIONS MAY POTENTIALLY IMPACT THE DEVELOPING CHILD'S ORAL  
15 HEALTH IN THE EARLY YEARS OF HIS OR HER LIFE DUE TO THE MOTHER  
16 EXPOSING THE CHILD TO MUTANS STREPTOCOCCI BACTERIA AND  
17 LACTOBACILLUS BACTERIA, AND A MOTHER'S INADEQUATE INSTRUCTION  
18 TO HIS OR HER CHILD CONCERNING NECESSARY ORAL HYGIENE CAN IMPACT  
19 THE CHILD'S ORAL HEALTH STATUS; AND

20 (VI) SOME CHILDREN WHOSE MOTHERS HAVE POOR ORAL HEALTH  
21 AND INADEQUATE ORAL HYGIENE HAVE SIGNIFICANT AND COSTLY  
22 PROBLEMS RELATING TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF TEETH AND MAY NEED  
23 EXTENSIVE, BUT POSSIBLY AVOIDABLE, DENTAL RESTORATION  
24 PROCEDURES RELATED TO SEVERE TOOTH DECAY.

25 (b) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS THAT IN ORDER TO IMPROVE  
26 THE HEALTH OUTCOMES OF PREGNANT WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN AND  
27 TO PROMOTE SAVINGS IN THE MEDICAID PROGRAM, THE PROGRAM SHOULD

1 INCLUDE DENTAL SERVICES FOR WOMEN DURING THE PREGNANCY AND  
2 POSTPARTUM PERIOD CONSISTENT WITH THE RELEVANT DENTAL SERVICES  
3 PROVIDED TO CHILDREN THROUGH THE EARLY AND PERIODIC SCREENING,  
4 DIAGNOSIS, AND TREATMENT BENEFIT, WITH THE ADDITION OF CERTAIN  
5 SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES.

6 (2) (a) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2014, PREGNANT WOMEN  
7 ENROLLED IN MEDICAID SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR DENTAL SERVICES  
8 SPECIFIED IN THIS PARAGRAPH (a), CONTINUING FOR SIXTY DAYS  
9 POSTPARTUM. DENTAL SERVICES PROVIDED TO WOMEN DURING THE  
10 PREGNANCY AND POSTPARTUM PERIOD PURSUANT TO SECTION 25.5-5-202

11 (1) (r.5) SHALL INCLUDE THOSE DENTAL SERVICES, IF RELEVANT,  
12 PROVIDED TO CHILDREN UNDER THE EARLY AND PERIODIC SCREENING,  
13 DIAGNOSIS, AND TREATMENT BENEFIT, WITH THE ADDITION OF THE  
14 FOLLOWING SERVICES:

- 15 (I) ORAL HYGIENE EDUCATION AND INSTRUCTION;
- 16 (II) THE USE OF CARIOSTATIC AGENTS, WHEN RECOMMENDED BY  
17 THE TREATING DENTIST; AND
- 18 (III) THE PROVISION OF PERIODONTAL SERVICES WITHOUT PRIOR  
19 AUTHORIZATION.

20 (b) THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL DETERMINE THE MOST  
21 COST-EFFECTIVE METHOD FOR PROVIDING THE DENTAL BENEFITS,  
22 INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO A COMPARISON OF A CAPITATED OR  
23 FEE-FOR-SERVICE METHOD OF PAYMENT AND THE PURCHASE OF DENTAL  
24 INSURANCE.

25 (c) THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL SEEK ANY FEDERAL  
26 AUTHORIZATION NECESSARY TO PROVIDE THE DENTAL BENEFIT.

27 (3) (a) THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT TO THE JOINT

1 BUDGET COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE HEALTH AND  
2 HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE, OR ANY SUCCESSOR  
3 COMMITTEE, AND THE HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF THE  
4 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEE,  
5 CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DENTAL BENEFIT AS FOLLOWS:

6 (I) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2015, CONCERNING THE INITIAL  
7 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DENTAL BENEFIT, INCLUDING, AT A MINIMUM,  
8 THE NUMBER OF PREGNANT WOMEN ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE BENEFIT,  
9 THE NUMBER OF CLIENTS RECEIVING SERVICES UNDER THE BENEFIT,  
10 INCLUDING THE COST OF THOSE SERVICES, AND THE NUMBER OF PRE-TERM,  
11 LOW-BIRTH-WEIGHT BABIES BORN TO WOMEN RECEIVING DENTAL  
12 SERVICES, COMPARED TO PREGNANT WOMEN WHO DID NOT RECEIVE  
13 DENTAL SERVICES; AND

14 (II) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2016, CONCERNING THE  
15 IMPLEMENTATION AND ORAL HEALTH OUTCOMES OF CLIENTS AND THEIR  
16 CHILDREN AND THE COST ASSOCIATED WITH THE DENTAL BENEFIT,  
17 INCLUDING, AT A MINIMUM, THE DATA AND INFORMATION REQUIRED IN  
18 THE REPORT SPECIFIED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH (b) AND  
19 ANY OTHER DATA AND INFORMATION RELATED TO THE IMPACT OF THE  
20 DENTAL BENEFIT ON THE HEALTH OUTCOMES OF PREGNANT WOMAN  
21 DURING THE PREGNANCY AND POSTPARTUM PERIOD AND THE CHILDREN  
22 BORN TO THOSE WOMEN.

23 (b) THE STATE DEPARTMENT IS AUTHORIZED TO CONTRACT FOR AN  
24 INDEPENDENT EVALUATION OF THE HEALTH OUTCOMES OF CLIENTS AND  
25 THEIR CHILDREN AND THE COST-EFFECTIVENESS OF PROVIDING DENTAL  
26 BENEFITS TO PREGNANT AND POSTPARTUM WOMEN PURSUANT TO THIS  
27 SECTION. THE STATE DEPARTMENT IS AUTHORIZED TO SEEK AND ACCEPT

1 GIFTS, GRANTS, AND DONATIONS TO COVER THE COST OF THE EVALUATION.

2 (4) (a) THE STATE DEPARTMENT IS AUTHORIZED TO SEEK AND  
3 ACCEPT GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS FROM PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SOURCES  
4 FOR THE PURPOSES OF MAKING ANY NECESSARY CHANGES TO THE  
5 MEDICAID MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM RELATED TO THE DENTAL  
6 BENEFIT, SEEKING ANY NECESSARY FEDERAL AUTHORIZATION, AND  
7 CONDUCTING AN INDEPENDENT EVALUATION OF THE DENTAL BENEFIT;  
8 EXCEPT THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT ACCEPT A GIFT, GRANT,  
9 OR DONATION THAT IS SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS THAT ARE INCONSISTENT  
10 WITH THIS SECTION OR ANY OTHER LAW OF THE STATE. THE STATE  
11 DEPARTMENT SHALL TRANSMIT ALL PRIVATE AND PUBLIC MONEYS  
12 RECEIVED THROUGH GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS TO THE STATE  
13 TREASURER, WHO SHALL CREDIT THE SAME TO THE DEPARTMENT OF  
14 HEALTH CARE POLICY AND FINANCING CASH FUND CREATED IN SECTION  
15 25.5-1-109. THE MONEYS IN THE FUND ARE SUBJECT TO ANNUAL  
16 APPROPRIATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT  
17 FOR THE DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH IMPLEMENTING  
18 THIS SECTION.

19 (b) (I) IN SEEKING OR ACCEPTING A GIFT, GRANT, OR DONATION,  
20 THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOTIFY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF  
21 WHEN IT HAS RECEIVED ADEQUATE FUNDING THROUGH GIFTS, GRANTS, OR  
22 DONATIONS FOR THE PURPOSES SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS  
23 SUBSECTION (4) AND SHALL INCLUDE IN THE NOTIFICATION THE  
24 INFORMATION SPECIFIED IN SECTION 24-75-1303 (3), C.R.S.

25 (II) THIS PARAGRAPH (b) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015.

26 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
27 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the

1 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
2 8, 2012, if adjournment sine die is on May 9, 2012); except that, if a  
3 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
4 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
5 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
6 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
7 November 2012 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
8 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.