

House Bill 217

By: Representatives Robichaux of the 48th, Bazemore of the 63rd, Lewis-Ward of the 109th, Schofield of the 60th, Jackson of the 64th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 2 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 Department of Community Health, so as to provide for annual quality and payment reporting
3 for health care plans and programs administered by the department; to amend Article 7 of
4 Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical
5 assistance generally, so as to include comprehensive dental and vision coverage under
6 Medicaid for adults; to increase Medicaid reimbursement rates for primary care services; to
7 provide for the submission of a state plan amendment or waiver, if necessary; to provide for
8 related matters; to provide for contingent effectiveness; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
9 other purposes.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

11 **SECTION 1.**

12 Chapter 2 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department
13 of Community Health, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

14 "31-2-17.

15 (a) The department shall provide an annual report on quality measures for each health care
16 plan or program administered by or through the department, including, but not limited to:

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- 17 (1) The state health benefit plan administered pursuant to Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title
18 45;
- 19 (2) The plan for public school teachers and employees administered pursuant to Part 6
20 of Article 17 of Chapter 2 of Title 20;
- 21 (3) The medical assistance program administered pursuant to Article 7 of Chapter 4 of
22 Title 49, including the Medicaid fee-for-service program and Medicaid care management
23 organizations; and
- 24 (4) The PeachCare for Kids Program administered pursuant to Article 13 of Chapter 5
25 of Title 49.
- 26 (b) Such annual report shall be made publicly available and shall include, at a minimum,
27 quality measures and payment levels across key medical billing codes for each health care
28 plan or program administered by the department."

29 SECTION 2.

- 30 Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
31 medical assistance generally, is amended by adding new Code sections to read as follows:
32 "49-4-159.1.
- 33 (a) On and after January 1, 2022, medical assistance under this article shall include
34 comprehensive dental and vision coverage for adults at no additional premium.
35 Comprehensive dental coverage shall include emergency services, exams, preventive
36 services, basic restorative services, advanced restorative services, periodontal services, and
37 oral surgery services. Comprehensive vision coverage shall include eye exams, eyeglass
38 frames, prescription eyeglass lenses, bifocals or trifocals, contact lenses if medically
39 necessary, medical and surgical procedures, and screenings for glaucoma.
- 40 (b) The department shall submit a Medicaid state plan amendment, if necessary to
41 implement the provisions of this Code section, to the United States Department of Health
42 and Human Services.

43 49-4-159.2.

44 (a) Effective July 1, 2021, the reimbursement rates for primary care services provided to
45 recipients of medical assistance shall be equal to the applicable Medicare allowable rates
46 applicable to the 2020 calendar year, as adopted by the federal Centers for Medicare and
47 Medicaid Services.

48 (b) The department shall submit a Medicaid state plan amendment, if necessary to
49 implement the provisions of this Code section, to the United States Department of Health
50 and Human Services."

51 **SECTION 3.**

52 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.