MEDICAID DENTAL BENEFITS
2018 GENERAL SESSION
STATE OF UTAH
Chief Sponsor: Steve Eliason
Senate Sponsor:
LONG TITLE
General Description:
This bill addresses dental benefits in the Medicaid program.
Highlighted Provisions:
This bill:
<ul> <li>provides dental benefits to certain adults in the Medicaid program.</li> </ul>
Money Appropriated in this Bill:
None
Other Special Clauses:
None
<b>Utah Code Sections Affected:</b>
AMENDS:
26-18-413, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 233
Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
Section 1. Section 26-18-413 is amended to read:
26-18-413. Medicaid waiver for delivery of adult dental services.
(1) (a) [No later than] Before June 30, 2016, the department shall ask the United States
Secretary of Health and Human Services to grant waivers from federal statutory and regulatory
law necessary for the Medicaid program to provide dental services in the manner described in
Subsection (2).



28	(b) Before June 30, 2018, the department shall submit to the Centers for Medicare and
29	Medicaid Services a request for waivers, or an amendment of existing waivers, from federal
30	law necessary for the state to provide dental services, in accordance with Subsections (2)(b)
31	through (g), to an individual described in Subsection (2)(b).
32	(2) (a) To the extent funded, [services shall be provided] the department shall provide
33	services to only blind or disabled individuals, as defined in 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1382c(a)(1), who
34	are 18 years [of age] old or older and eligible for the program.
35	(b) Notwithstanding Subsection (2)(a), if a waiver is approved under Subsection (1)(b)
36	the department shall provide dental services to an individual who:
37	(i) qualifies for the health coverage improvement program described in Section
38	<u>26-18-411; and</u>
39	(ii) is receiving treatment for substance use disorder.
40	[(b)] (c) To the extent possible, services to individuals described in Subsection (2)(a)
41	within Salt Lake County shall be provided through the University of Utah School of Dentistry.
42	(d) The department shall provide the services to individuals described in Subsection
43	<u>(2)(b):</u>
44	(i) by contracting with an entity that:
45	(A) has demonstrated experience working with individuals who are being treated for
46	both a substance use disorder and a major oral health disease; and
47	(B) is willing to pay for an amount equal to the program's non-federal share of the cost
48	of providing dental services to the population described in Subsection (2)(b); and
49	(ii) through a fee-for-service payment model.
50	[(e)] (e) Each fiscal year, the University of Utah School of Dentistry shall transfer
51	money to the program in an amount equal to the program's non-federal share of the cost of
52	providing services under this section through the school during the fiscal year.
53	[(d)] (f) During each general session of the Legislature, the department shall report to
54	the Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee whether the University of Utah School of
55	Dentistry will have sufficient funds to make the transfer required by Subsection (2)[(e)](e) for
56	the current fiscal year.
57	[(e)] (g) Where possible, the department shall ensure that services that are not provided
58	by the University of Utah School of Dentistry [shall be] are provided:

59	(i) through fee for service reimbursement until July 1, 2018; and
60	(ii) after July 1, 2018, through the method of reimbursement used by the division for
61	Medicaid dental benefits.
62	[(f)] (h) Subject to appropriations by the Legislature, and as determined by the
63	department, the scope, amount, duration, and frequency of services may be limited.
64	(3) The reporting requirements of Section 26-18-3 apply to the waivers requested under
65	Subsection (1).
66	(4) (a) If the waivers requested under Subsection (1)(a) are granted, the Medicaid
67	program shall begin providing dental services in the manner described in Subsection (2) no
68	later than July 1, 2017.
69	(b) If the waivers requested under Subsection (1)(b) are granted, the Medicaid program
70	shall begin providing dental services to the population described in Subsection (2)(b) within 90
71	days from the day on which the waivers are granted.
72	(5) If the federal share of the cost of providing dental services under this section will be
73	less than 65% during any portion of the next fiscal year, the Medicaid program shall cease
74	providing dental services under this section [indefinitely] no later than the end of the current
75	fiscal year.

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