

**Report on Feasibility of Providing *Healthy Kids Dental* Coverage in Cities**

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Section 1633: By March 1 of the current fiscal year, the department shall report to the house and senate appropriations subcommittees on community health, the house and senate fiscal agencies, and the state budget director on the feasibility of providing healthy kids dental coverage in cities rather than entire counties.

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***Healthy Kids Dental*** is paid through the capitation process and the Managed Care Rate Setting system. Managed care rates can be paid at the county level, but not by zip code which would more closely equate to city boundaries. For the Managed Care Rate system to have the ability to pay at the zip code level, the Community Health Automated Processing System (CHAMPS) system would have to undergo major structural changes. The expense related to this enhancement would be cost-prohibitive and therefore not a good option at this time. In addition, changes to the Department of Human Services (DHS) eligibility system (Bridges) would also be necessary if the benefit plan assignment factors are altered.