

Dental Services Report

(FY2018 Appropriation Act - Public Act 107 of 2017)

October 1, 2017

Sec. 1704. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for dental services, the department shall allocate \$2,697,300.00 to support the enhancement of the Medicaid adult dental benefit for pregnant women enrolled in a Medicaid program.

(2) The department shall report to the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on the department budget, the senate and house fiscal agencies, and the state budget office by October 1 of the current fiscal year on the steps taken by the department to implement subsection (1).

(3) Outcomes and performance measures for the program change under this section include, but are not limited to, the following:

(a) The number of pregnant women enrolled in Medicaid who visited a dentist over the prior year.

(b) The number of dentists statewide who participate in providing dental services to pregnant women enrolled in Medicaid.



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The funding appropriated to support the enhancement of the Medicaid adult dental benefit for pregnant women enrolled in a Medicaid Program will be used to carve the dental benefit for pregnant women into the Medicaid Health Plan (MHP) benefit package. This will be accomplished by adding an actuarially sound amount to the Maternity Case Rate received by the MHPs for enrollees who give birth while enrolled in the plan.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) believes it is critical for this population to have their physical and oral health coordinated. This approach will facilitate this coordination, and as a result, best meets the policy objective of increasing access to dental services to improve the health of moms and babies.

Several significant steps must be taken to operationalize this approach, including:

- Amending the state's existing Comprehensive Health Care Program Waiver;
- Executing changes to the Medicaid Health Plan contracts;
- Updating MHP rates to account for this change;
- Promulgation of Medicaid policy; and
- Implementation of necessary system changes

Given the scope of the changes listed above, MDHHS is planning for a July 1, 2018 implementation of this initiative.