

HOUSE BILL NO. 198

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT EXPANDING THE DENTAL CARE BENEFITS OF THE CHILDREN'S  
HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM; AMENDING SECTION 53-4-1005, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE  
DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

**Section 1.** Section 53-4-1005, MCA, is amended to read:

**"53-4-1005. (Temporary) Benefits provided.** (1) Benefits provided to participants in the program may  
include but are not limited to:

- (a) inpatient and outpatient hospital services;
- (b) physician and advanced practice registered nurse services;
- (c) laboratory and x-ray services;
- (d) well-child and well-baby services;
- (e) immunizations;
- (f) clinic services;
- (g) dental services;
- (h) prescription drugs;
- (i) mental health and substance abuse treatment services;
- (j) hearing and vision exams; and
- (k) eyeglasses.

~~(2) The department shall authorize dental services provided under this section using the same medical  
necessity criteria used in the medicaid program for services for children~~ ADOPT RULES, PURSUANT TO ITS AUTHORITY  
UNDER 53-4-1009, ALLOWING IT TO COVER SIGNIFICANT DENTAL NEEDS BEYOND THOSE COVERED IN THE BASIC PLAN.  
EXPENDITURES UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MAY NOT EXCEED \$100,000 IN STATE FUNDS, PLUS ANY MATCHED FEDERAL  
FUNDS, EACH FISCAL YEAR.



1           ~~(2)~~(3) The department is specifically prohibited from providing payment for birth control contraceptives  
2 under this program. (Terminates on occurrence of contingency--sec. 15, Ch. 571, L. 1999.)"

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4           NEW SECTION. Section 2. Effective date. [This act] is effective July 1, 2007.

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6           NEW SECTION. Section 3. Termination. (1) [This act] terminates on the date that the director of the  
7 department of public health and human services certifies to the governor that the federal government has  
8 terminated the program or that federal funding for the program has been discontinued.

9           (2) The governor shall transmit a copy of the certification to the code commissioner.

10           (3) Any excess funds remaining upon the termination of the program must be transferred to the general  
11 fund.

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