

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.

~~(2)~~(3) The department is specifically prohibited from providing payment for birth control contraceptives

under this program. (Terminates on occurrence of contingency--sec. 15, Ch. 571, L. 1999.)"

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

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

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

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

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