

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 843

Short Title: Medicaid Dental Reimbursement Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Cansler, Nesbitt, Earle (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, McLawhorn, Morris, Sherrill, Wainwright, Walend, and C. Wilson.

Referred to: Appropriations.

March 29, 2001

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO INCREASE THE MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT RATE FOR
2 DENTAL CARE FOR MEDICAID ELIGIBLE CHILDREN AND ADULTS.

3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
5 Department of Health and Human Services the sum of eleven million eight hundred
6 seventy-six thousand seven hundred thirteen dollars (\$11,876,713) for the 2001-2002
7 fiscal year and the sum of fourteen million one hundred seventy thousand one hundred
8 seventy-six dollars (\$14,170,176) for the 2002-2003 fiscal year. The Department shall
9 use these funds to increase rates for dental services under the Medicaid program for
10 Medicaid eligible children under the age of 21 to the eightieth (80th) percentile of
11 charges based on the 2000 survey by the National Dental Advisory Services
12 organization. The Department shall develop a fee schedule to implement the rate
13 increase authorized under this section. The Department shall structure the fee schedule
14 to ensure that funds appropriated in this section are used to best serve the Medicaid
15 population. In developing the fee schedule, the Department shall consult with the North
16 Carolina Dental Society and the Old North State Dental Society.

17 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2001.
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