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Short Title: Medicaid Dental/Special Needs Population.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

May 13, 2010

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND THE
DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES, TO EXPLORE ISSUES RELATED TO PROVIDING DENTAL
SERVICES TO THE SPECIAL NEEDS POPULATION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1.(a) The Department of Health and Human Services, Divisions of
Medical Assistance and Public Health, shall study issues that may facilitate dental care and
improved dental outcomes for the special needs population. Issues studied shall include at least
the following:

(1) The feasibility and anticipated impact of expanding Medicaid dental services
to include reimbursement for evidenced-based topical fluoride treatment and
other chemotherapeutic agents used to prevent periodontal disease in
high-risk adults with special health care needs.

(2) The feasibility and anticipated impact of implementing facility code policies
that would allow certified providers to bill for each patient seen in a
long-term care facility or group home on the date of service.

SECTION 1.(b) The Department of Health and Human Services shall report its
findings and recommendations to the North Carolina Study Commission on Aging and the
Public Health Study Commission on or before November 15, 2011.

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.



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