

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 55

BY REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER

MEDICAID: Provides for Medicaid coverage of dental care for certain residents of intermediate care facilities

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1250.31(A)(1), relative to the medical assistance program of
3 this state known as Medicaid; to provide for Medicaid coverage of dental care for
4 certain persons with developmental or intellectual disabilities; to extend Medicaid
5 coverage for dental care to certain Medicaid enrollees who reside in intermediate
6 care facilities for people with developmental disabilities; to provide for an effective
7 date; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 40:1250.31(A)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as
10 follows:

11 §1250.31. Dental care for certain adults with developmental or intellectual
12 disabilities; Medicaid coverage required

13 A.(1) The Louisiana Department of Health shall ensure that comprehensive
14 Medicaid coverage for dental care is provided to all of the following persons:

15 (a) ~~Each~~ each person of age twenty-one or older who is enrolled in any
16 Medicaid waiver program for persons with developmental or intellectual disabilities.

17 (b) Each Medicaid enrollee of age twenty-one or older who resides in an
18 intermediate care facility for people with developmental disabilities licensed in
19 accordance with the provisions of R.S. 40:2180 et seq.

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1 Section 2. The provisions of Section 1 of this Act shall become effective when an
2 Act of the Louisiana Legislature containing a specific appropriation of monies for the
3 implementation of the provisions of this Act becomes effective.

4 Section 3. The provisions of Sections 2 and 3 of this Act shall become effective
5 upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time
6 for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section
7 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved
8 by the legislature, Sections 2 and 3 of this Act shall become effective on the day following
9 such approval.

DIGEST

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HB 55 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Extends Medicaid coverage for dental care to Medicaid enrollees age 21 and up who reside in intermediate care facilities for people with developmental disabilities.

Present law requires the La. Department of Health (LDH) to ensure that comprehensive Medicaid coverage for dental care is provided to each person of age 21 or older who is enrolled in any Medicaid waiver program for persons with developmental or intellectual disabilities.

Proposed law retains present law and extends the Medicaid dental coverage provided for therein to each Medicaid enrollee of age 21 or older who resides in a state-licensed intermediate care facility for people with developmental disabilities.

Proposed law retains present law stipulating that LDH shall not furnish any Medicaid dental coverage required by present law or proposed law until all of the following have occurred:

- (1) The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services have approved the provision of such coverage.
- (2) The legislature has appropriated the funding necessary for the provision of such coverage.

Effective when an Act of the Louisiana Legislature containing a specific appropriation of monies for the implementation of the provisions of proposed law becomes effective.

(Amends R.S. 40:1250.31(A)(1))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Appropriations to the engrossed bill:

1. Make effectiveness of proposed law subject to appropriation.