

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 172

BY REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

MEDICAID: Provides for Medicaid coverage of dental care for certain adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Part II-B of Chapter 5-E of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to
3 be comprised of R.S. 40:1250.31 and 1250.32, relative to the medical assistance
4 program of this state known as Medicaid; to provide relative to administration of the
5 Medicaid program by the Louisiana Department of Health; to require Medicaid
6 coverage of dental services for certain persons with developmental or intellectual
7 disabilities; to provide for eligibility for such coverage; to require the provision of
8 such coverage by a certain date; to require administrative rulemaking; and to provide
9 for related matters.

10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

11 Section 1. Part II-B of Chapter 5-E of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of
12 1950, comprised of R.S. 40:1250.31 and 1250.32, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

13 PART II-B. DENTAL COVERAGE FOR PERSONS WITH
14 DEVELOPMENTAL OR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES

15 §1250.31. Dental care for certain adults with developmental or intellectual
16 disabilities; Medicaid coverage required

17 The Louisiana Department of Health shall ensure that Medicaid coverage for
18 dental care is provided to all of the following persons:

- 19 (1) Each person of age twenty-one or older who is enrolled in any Medicaid
20 waiver program for persons with developmental or intellectual disabilities.

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

4 §1250.32. Administrative rulemaking

5 The Louisiana Department of Health shall promulgate all such rules in
6 accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act as are necessary to implement the
7 provisions of this Part.

8 Section 2. The Louisiana Department of Health shall take all such actions as are
9 necessary to make the coverage required by the provisions of this Act available to all persons
10 eligible for such coverage on or before July 1, 2022.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires the state Medicaid program to provide dental coverage for certain adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities.

Proposed law requires the La. Department of Health (LDH) to ensure that Medicaid coverage for dental care is provided to all of the following persons:

- (1) Each person of age 21 or older who is enrolled in any Medicaid waiver program for persons with developmental or intellectual disabilities.
- (2) Each Medicaid enrollee of age 21 or older who resides in a licensed intermediate care facility for people with developmental disabilities.

Proposed law requires LDH to take all such actions as are necessary to make the coverage required by proposed law available to all persons eligible for such coverage on or before July 1, 2022.

(Adds R.S. 40:1250.31 and 1250.32)