

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 450 (HB 172)

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New 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. Provides that for purposes of new law, "comprehensive Medicaid coverage for dental care" means Medicaid coverage which reimburses for dental and oral health services including all of the following:

- (1) Diagnostic services.
- (2) Preventive services.
- (3) Restorative services.
- (4) Endodontics.
- (5) Periodontics.
- (6) Prosthodontics.
- (7) Oral and maxillofacial surgery.
- (8) Orthodontics.
- (9) Emergency care.

New law provides that LDH shall not furnish any coverage required by new law until all of the following have occurred:

- (1) The federal Medicaid agency has approved the provision of such coverage.
- (2) The legislature has appropriated the funding necessary for the provision of such coverage.

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

Effective August 1, 2021.

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