

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 222

BY REPRESENTATIVE BERAULT

MEDICAID: Requires Medicaid to cover dental procedures for certain Medicaid enrollees

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 40:1259.3, relative to Medicaid coverage; to require Medicaid coverage for  
3 dental procedures in certain circumstances; to require the Louisiana Department of  
4 Health to take certain administrative actions; to provide for a state plan amendment;  
5 to provide for administrative rules; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 40:1259.3 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §1259.3. Medicaid coverage for dental procedures in certain circumstances

9 A. The Louisiana Medicaid program will cover a dental procedure for a  
10 Medicaid enrollee if the procedure is medically necessary in order for the patient to  
11 be cleared to receive another Medicaid-covered medical procedure.

12 B. Pursuant to this Section, the secretary of the Louisiana Department of  
13 Health shall do all of the following:

14 (1) Submit to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services all necessary  
15 state plan amendments.

16 (2) Promulgate all necessary rules and regulations in accordance with the  
17 Administrative Procedure Act.

18 (3) Take any other actions as are necessary to implement the provisions of  
19 this Section.

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**DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Requires coverage for medically necessary dental procedures required for clearance to receive another Medicaid-covered medical procedure.

Proposed law provides that the La. Medicaid program shall cover a dental procedure for a Medicaid enrollee when the procedure is medically necessary for the patient to be cleared to receive another Medicaid-covered medical procedure.

Proposed law requires the secretary of the La. Dept. of Health to submit all necessary state plan amendments to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Proposed law requires the secretary to promulgate all necessary rules and regulations.

Proposed law requires the secretary to take any additional actions necessary to implement the provisions of proposed law.

(Adds R.S. 40:1259.3)