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MEDICAID MANAGED CARE OR +\$332,651 GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1
 Provides relative to Medicaid coverage for pregnant women

Proposed law requires the LA Department of Health (LDH) to provide Medicaid coverage for continuous glucose monitoring devices for Medicaid-eligible pregnant women diagnosed with gestational diabetes requiring treatment with insulin.

Proposed law requires LDH to provide dental coverage for Medicaid-eligible pregnant women and coverage shall be limited to emergency dental procedures.

Proposed law requires LDH to promulgate and adopt all rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this legislation.

| EXPENDITURES | 2026-27 | 2027-28 | 2028-29 | 2029-30 | 2030-31 | 5 -YEAR TOTAL |
|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| State Gen. Fd. | \$332,651 | \$413,482 | \$405,969 | \$405,969 | \$405,969 | \$1,964,040 |
| Agy. Self-Gen. | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Ded./Other | \$11,270 | \$45,078 | \$52,591 | \$52,591 | \$52,591 | \$214,121 |
| Federal Funds | \$1,158,708 | \$1,544,943 | \$1,544,943 | \$1,544,943 | \$1,544,943 | \$7,338,480 |
| Local Funds | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Annual Total | \$1,502,629 | \$2,003,503 | \$2,003,503 | \$2,003,503 | \$2,003,503 | \$9,516,641 |
| REVENUES | 2026-27 | 2027-28 | 2028-29 | 2029-30 | 2030-31 | 5 -YEAR TOTAL |
| State Gen. Fd. | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Agy. Self-Gen. | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Ded./Other | SEE BELOW | SEE BELOW | SEE BELOW | SEE BELOW | SEE BELOW | |
| Federal Funds | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Local Funds | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Annual Total | | | | | | |

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law is anticipated to result in an expenditure increase within the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) of \$1.5 M (\$332,651 SGF, \$11,270 Statutory Dedications out of the Medical Assistance Trust Fund - MATF, and \$1.2 M Federal) in FY 27 (assuming 9 months of payments, effective date of 10/01/2026) and approximately \$2 M (\$413,482 SGF, \$45,078 Stat Ded - MATF, and \$1.5 M Federal) in FY 28 and beyond (12 months of payments). Proposed law provides the following Medicaid coverage for pregnant women: (1) continuous glucose monitors (CGM) when diagnosed with gestational diabetes requiring treatment with insulin; and (2) emergency dental procedures. **Note: LDH indicates the estimated amounts are all attributable to providing dental coverage because LA Medicaid currently covers CGMs for individuals with diabetes who are insulin-dependent.**

The expenditure projection is based on the following data and assumptions:

- (1) Impacted population consists of 4,753 Medicaid pregnant women (2,792 Non-Expansion, 1,961 Expansion enrollees) who are enrolled in a Dental Benefit Program Manager (DBPM) and experience an emergency dental condition.
- (2) Utilization assumption: 3,565 enrollees (or 75%) out of the 4,753 will undergo emergency dental procedures.
- (3) Emergency dental procedures - estimated average total annual cost per enrollee: \$483.62 = \$287.82 Preventive + \$195.8 Other

| Comprehensive Preventive Care | | Other treatments - assuming only one service is needed | |
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| Comprehensive Oral Evaluation | \$64.13 | Extraction | \$107.04 |
| Intraoral complete series of radiographic images | \$81.46 | Gingivectomy | \$399.88 |
| Panoramic radiographic image | \$77.23 | Periodontal scaling | \$158.85 |
| Adult Prophylaxis | \$65.00 | Full mouth debridement | \$117.41 |
| TOTAL | \$287.82 | Average other treatments | \$195.80 |

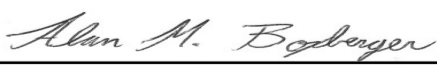
- (4) FY 27 assumes 9 months of usage for an effective date of 10/01/2026.
- (5) 2.25% premium tax and 13.6% administrative cost are factored into the total cost. Statutory Dedications for FY 27 reflect three months of premium taxes, which are collected on a calendar year basis.
- (5) Financing: 68.06% Non-Expansion blended FMAP rate and 90% Expansion FMAP rate.

Note: The LFO is unable to corroborate the expenditure estimates projected by LDH. To the extent that actual utilization of dental services varies from projections, total costs would shift accordingly. Should additional information regarding estimated expenditures become available, this fiscal note will be updated.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Proposed law is anticipated to result in an indeterminable increase in Statutory Dedications - MATF revenues within LDH. The revenue increase is a direct result of the 2.25% premium tax collections levied on Dental Benefit Program Managers (DBPM) capitation expenditures. The increased expenditures anticipated from this legislation will be integrated into the actuarially sound capitation payments made by LDH to DBPMs, thus increasing premium tax collections. Because premium tax collections are based on a calendar year and assuming an effective date of 10/01/2026, the fiscal impact for FY 27 is based only on three months of collections (October through December 2026).

| Senate | Dual Referral Rules | House |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H} | | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S} |


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