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## DIGEST

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HB 172 Engrossed

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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 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 proposed 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.

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

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

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)

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill:

1. Delete proposed law requiring coverage for dental care for Medicaid enrollees age 21 and up who reside in an intermediate care facility for people with developmental disabilities.
2. Stipulate that the Medicaid coverage for dental care provided for in proposed law shall be comprehensive Medicaid coverage for dental care.
3. Provide that for purposes of proposed law, "comprehensive Medicaid coverage for dental care" means Medicaid coverage which reimburses for dental and oral health services including all of the following:
  - (a) Diagnostic services.
  - (b) Preventive services.
  - (c) Restorative services.
  - (d) Endodontics.
  - (e) Periodontics.
  - (f) Prosthodontics.
  - (g) Oral and maxillofacial surgery.
  - (h) Orthodontics.
  - (i) Emergency care.
4. Prohibit the La. Department of Health from furnishing any coverage required by proposed law until all of the following have occurred:
  - (a) The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has approved the provision of such coverage.
  - (b) The legislature has appropriated the funding necessary for the provision of such coverage.

