150th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE

BILL:	**SENATE BILL NO. 92**
AS AMENDED BY:	
SPONSOR:	**Senator Townsend**
DESCRIPTION:	**AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 31 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO DENTAL CARE FOR ADULT MEDICAID RECIPIENTS.**

Assumptions:

1. This Act shall become effective upon appropriation by the General Assembly.

2. This Act seeks to expand Delaware's Public Assistance Code to provide dental care to all eligible adult Medicaid recipients. Payments for dental care treatments are subject to a $3 recipient copay and the total amount of dental care assistance provided to an eligible recipient may not exceed $1,000 per year. An additional $1,500 may be authorized on an emergency basis for dental care treatments through a review process established by the Department of Health and Social Services.

3. According to the Division of Medicaid and Medical Assistance, this benefit would provide dental coverage to adults, 21-64 years of age, with traditional Medicaid coverage. For the purpose of this analysis, a 20% utilization rate is assumed as well as a continued, federal match per federal policy. Currently, there are approximately 108,000 eligible enrollees which would result in 21,500 individuals who may utilize this benefit.

4. Prior to the implementation of this benefit, the Division of Medicaid and Medical Assistance would need to apply for federal approval to ensure federal funds through a State Plan Amendment. In addition, DMES, the Medical Assistance Portal, would have to be programmed to offer the dental benefit. These changes would be required in order to leverage federal funding and dependent on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) approval, appropriated state funds could leverage approximately $10,000,000 in federal funds.

5. In consideration of the logistical changes, full implementation could not be offered any sooner than January 1, 2020, dependent on CMS approval. Year one costs include a $250,000 one-time cost to update the DMES portal as well as $2,554,343 in state funds for utilization. Year two assumes a 2.5% increase in growth of utilization for a total state cost of $5,236,590.

Cost: Medicaid (State Share)

	Ongoing	One Time
Fiscal Year 2020:	$2,554,343 (6 months)	$250,000
Fiscal Year 2021:	$5,236,590	
Fiscal Year 2022:	$5,236,590	

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