152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE

BILL:	**SENATE BILL NO. 204**
SPONSOR:	**Senator S. McBride**
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 signature of the Governor.

2. This Act changes Delaware's Medicaid Adult Dental benefit by consolidating non-emergency benefits, currently provided at an annual maximum of $1,000, and emergency benefits, currently provided at an annual maximum of $1,500, into a single annual benefit of $2,500. This Act expands the prior coverage of Senate Substitute 1 for Senate Bill 92 of the 150th General Assembly by removing the cap of eligible coverage.

3. According to the Division of Medicaid and Medical Assistance (DMMA), dental utilization data from Calendar Year 2022 (CY 22) was used for the purpose of this analysis. Calculations included both estimated Fiscal Year 2025 caseloads and historical utilization of individuals receiving benefits. After including prior denied claims, DMMA estimated that 60% of this sample population, or 4,620 individuals, may utilize the additional benefit.

4. Additionally, DMMA reviewed all historical claims data from CY 22, applying a weighted average of spending above the $1,000 current non-emergency dental maximum, and found that the average additional expenditure was $740.

5. Before implementing this benefit, DMMA will need to apply for federal approval to ensure the federal funding share (estimated at approximately $2,400,000) is received through submission of a State Plan Amendment. Federal funds will be dependent upon the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) approval of the Amendment.

6. Full implementation is dependent on CMS approval. Year one costs total $1,022,868 in state funding for the estimated utilization. Years two and three assume a 3.5% increase in utilization growth and changes in the fee schedule.

Cost:

	Medicaid (State Share)
Fiscal Year 2025:	$1,022,868
Fiscal Year 2026:	$1,058,975
Fiscal Year 2027:	$1,096,357

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