



**153rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL:	SENATE BILL NO. 128
SPONSOR:	Senator Pinkney
DESCRIPTION:	AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 31 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO DENTAL CARE FOR ADULT MEDICAID RECIPIENTS.

Assumptions:

1. This Act is effective upon the signature of the Governor. Following signature, this Act will be implemented on the date of publication in the Registrar of Regulations of a notice by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) that the Department's Medicaid State Plan Amendment is approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).
2. This Act requires the DHSS to submit a Medicaid State Plan Amendment to the CMS to be allowed to provide comprehensive dental benefits to Medicaid-eligible adults. This Act removes the current monetary limits on coverage, which are set at a maximum of \$1,000 per year per adult recipient, with an additional \$1,500 per year per adult recipient for emergency dental care treatments.
3. The DHSS' Division of Medicaid and Medical Assistance (DMMA), utilizing 2024 dental data, estimates a total state cost of approximately \$1,055,727. Dependent on the CMS approval, appropriated state funds could leverage an estimated \$2,463,363 in additional federal funding. These estimates assume a blended federal match rate of 70%.
4. To implement the changes to the adult dental benefit, a system modification would be necessary for tracking and utilization. The estimated state share of these system costs, presuming a 75% Federal match, would be a one-time allocation of \$25,000.

Cost:

	<u>One-Time (State Share)</u>	<u>Medicaid (State Share)</u>
Fiscal Year 2026:	\$25,000	\$1,055,727
Fiscal Year 2027:		\$1,092,677
Fiscal Year 2028:		\$1,130,921

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