153rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REVISED 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, provided an amended estimate that includes a potential range of total state cost from $23,400,000 to $44,300,000. This estimate was developed using an open-ended annual limit and includes expansions to service codes for Crowns, Dentures, and Root Canal services, as well as additional miscellaneous dental codes. Dependent on the CMS approval, appropriated state funds could leverage additional federal funding. These estimates assume a blended federal match rate of approximately 60%. Future funding in the out years assumes a 2% increase in the range of costs.

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 cost of $25,000.

Costs:

	One-Time (State Share)	**Medicaid (State Share)**
Fiscal Year 2027:	$25,000	$23,400,000 - $44,300,000
Fiscal Year 2028:		$23,868,000 - $45,186,000
Fiscal Year 2029:		$24,345,360 - $46,089,720

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