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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Introduced By: Representative Joseph M. McNamara

Date Introduced: February 22, 2023

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 40-8 of the General Laws entitled "Medical Assistance" is hereby  
2 amended by adding thereto the following sections:

3 **40-8-33. Dental care - Coverage - Dental surgical centers.**

4 The department of human services shall provide for medical assistance under this chapter  
5 for payment of medical assistance for charges incurred, including any and all facility fees,  
6 medications and anesthetics provided in conjunction with dental care that is rendered to a pediatric  
7 or adult recipient:

8 (1) In a hospital or ambulatory surgical center; or

9 (2) In the office of an oral or maxillofacial surgeon or dentist who has obtained the  
10 necessary and appropriate permit; provided that, the recipient has a dental condition that requires  
11 hospitalization or general anesthesia as determined by the patient's treating provider.

12 **40-8-34. Operating room costs - Dental care.**

13 The department of human services shall provide medical assistance under this chapter for  
14 the recognition, adoption and payment of the new coding guidelines (G0330) and associated  
15 average payment rate approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid effective January 21,  
16 2023, for hospital operating room and related costs, including facility fees, for dental procedures.  
17 Provided, further, that appropriate coding and fair payment for these services is crucial for the  
18 continued allocation of hospital operating room resources to treat those with the most complex  
19 cases in need of comprehensive dental care.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 27-20.1 of the General Laws entitled "Nonprofit Dental Service  
2 Corporations" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following sections:

3 **27-20.1-23. Dental care - Coverage.**

4 Any nonprofit dental service corporation shall provide for payment of medical assistance  
5 for charges incurred, including any and all facility fees, medications and anesthetics provided in  
6 conjunction with dental care that is rendered to a pediatric or adult recipient:

7 (1) In a hospital or ambulatory surgical center; or

8 (2) In the office of an oral or maxillofacial surgeon or a dentist who has obtained the  
9 necessary and appropriate permit; provided that, the recipient has a dental condition that requires  
10 hospitalization or general anesthesia as determined by the patient's treating provider.

11 **27-20.1-24. Operating room costs - Dental care.**

12 Any nonprofit dental service corporation shall provide for the recognition, adoption and  
13 payment of the new coding guidelines (G0330) and associated average payment rate approved by  
14 the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid effective January 1, 2023, for hospital operating room and  
15 related costs, including facility fees, for dental procedures. Provided, further, that appropriate  
16 coding and fair payment for these services is crucial for the continued allocation of hospital  
17 operating room resources to treat those with the most complex cases in need of comprehensive  
18 dental care.

19 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would provide that certain dental procedures be covered by Medicaid and dental  
2 insurance.

3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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