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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to dental services coverage under the Florida Kidcare program; amending s. 409.815, F.S.; providing coverage for certain dental procedures; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Present paragraphs (q), (r), (s), (t), and (u) of subsection (2) of section 409.815, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, are renumbered as paragraphs (r), (s), (t), (u), and (v), respectively, and new paragraph (q) is added to that subsection, to read:

409.815 Health benefits coverage; limitations.--

(2) BENCHMARK BENEFITS.--In order for health benefits coverage to qualify for premium assistance payments for an eligible child under ss. 409.810-409.820, the health benefits coverage, except for coverage under Medicaid and Medikids, must include the following minimum benefits, as medically necessary.

(q) Dental services.--Covered services include:

1. Procedures provided under the Medicaid Children's Dental Program; or

2. Diagnostic, preventive, and corrective procedures necessary to ensure optimal oral health as determined by the department in consultation with the agency. Payment of benefits for such covered services shall be on a prepaid per capita basis or on a prepaid aggregate fixed-sum basis to third party administrators who will reimburse providers on a noncapitated basis.

Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 1999.

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

Provides for specified dental procedures to be covered as dental services under health benefits coverage for the Florida Kidcare program.