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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to dental services coverage
3 under the Florida Kidcare program; amending s.
4 409.815, F.S.; providing coverage for certain
5 dental procedures; providing an effective date.
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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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9 Section 1. Paragraphs (q), (r), (s), (t), and (u) of
10 subsection (2) of section 409.815, Florida Statutes, 1998
11 Supplement, are renumbered as paragraphs (r), (s), (t), (u),
12 and (v), respectively, and new paragraph (q) is added to said
13 subsection, to read:

14 409.815 Health benefits coverage; limitations.--

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

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

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

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

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

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HOUSE SUMMARY

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

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