

HB 595

2016

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to reimbursement to health access  
3           settings for dental hygiene services for children;  
4           amending s. 409.906, F.S.; authorizing reimbursement  
5           for children's dental services provided by licensed  
6           dental hygienists in certain circumstances; providing  
7           an effective date.

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

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11           Section 1. Subsection (6) of section 409.906, Florida  
12   Statutes, is amended to read:

13           409.906 Optional Medicaid services.—Subject to specific  
14   appropriations, the agency may make payments for services which  
15   are optional to the state under Title XIX of the Social Security  
16   Act and are furnished by Medicaid providers to recipients who  
17   are determined to be eligible on the dates on which the services  
18   were provided. Any optional service that is provided shall be  
19   provided only when medically necessary and in accordance with  
20   state and federal law. Optional services rendered by providers  
21   in mobile units to Medicaid recipients may be restricted or  
22   prohibited by the agency. Nothing in this section shall be  
23   construed to prevent or limit the agency from adjusting fees,  
24   reimbursement rates, lengths of stay, number of visits, or  
25   number of services, or making any other adjustments necessary to  
26   comply with the availability of moneys and any limitations or

27 | directions provided for in the General Appropriations Act or  
28 | chapter 216. If necessary to safeguard the state's systems of  
29 | providing services to elderly and disabled persons and subject  
30 | to the notice and review provisions of s. 216.177, the Governor  
31 | may direct the Agency for Health Care Administration to amend  
32 | the Medicaid state plan to delete the optional Medicaid service  
33 | known as "Intermediate Care Facilities for the Developmentally  
34 | Disabled." Optional services may include:

35 |       (6) CHILDREN'S DENTAL SERVICES.—The agency may pay for  
36 | diagnostic, preventive, or corrective procedures, including  
37 | orthodontia in severe cases, provided to a recipient under age  
38 | 21, by or under the supervision of a licensed dentist, or the  
39 | remediable tasks that a licensed dental hygienist is authorized  
40 | to perform under s. 466.024(2). Services provided under this  
41 | program include treatment of the teeth and associated structures  
42 | of the oral cavity, as well as treatment of disease, injury, or  
43 | impairment that may affect the oral or general health of the  
44 | individual. However, Medicaid will not provide reimbursement for  
45 | dental services provided in a mobile dental unit, except for a  
46 | mobile dental unit:

47 |       (a) Owned by, operated by, or having a contractual  
48 | agreement with the Department of Health and complying with  
49 | Medicaid's county health department clinic services program  
50 | specifications as a county health department clinic services  
51 | provider.

52 |       (b) Owned by, operated by, or having a contractual

53 arrangement with a federally qualified health center and  
54 complying with Medicaid's federally qualified health center  
55 specifications as a federally qualified health center provider.

56 (c) Rendering dental services to Medicaid recipients, 21  
57 years of age and older, at nursing facilities.

58 (d) Owned by, operated by, or having a contractual  
59 agreement with a state-approved dental educational institution.

60 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.