

**House File 2511 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to reimbursement for dental services under the  
2 Medicaid program.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR DENTAL  
2 SERVICES. The department of health and human services shall  
3 establish reimbursement rates for dental services provided  
4 under the Medicaid program as follows:

5 1. For adult Medicaid recipients through the Medicaid  
6 dental wellness plan, reimbursement rates shall be equal to  
7 the current mean or median, whichever is greater, of the rates  
8 paid for the same services in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois,  
9 Missouri, Nebraska, and South Dakota, as calculated by the  
10 department of health and human services in consultation with  
11 the dental board, and adjusted annually to comply with the  
12 methodology prescribed under this subsection.

13 2. For Medicaid recipients who are children under the  
14 Medicaid dental wellness plan kids, reimbursement rates shall  
15 be equal to the greater of the following:

16 a. The current mean or median, whichever is greater, of  
17 the rates paid for the same services in Minnesota, Wisconsin,  
18 Illinois, Missouri, Nebraska, and South Dakota, as calculated  
19 by the department of health and human services in consultation  
20 with the dental board, and adjusted annually to comply with the  
21 methodology prescribed under this paragraph.

22 b. The reimbursement rates for the same services under the  
23 healthy and well kids in Iowa (Hawki) program under chapter  
24 514I.

25 EXPLANATION

26 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
27 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

28 This bill requires the department of health and human  
29 services (HHS) to establish reimbursement rates for dental  
30 services provided under the Medicaid program based on certain  
31 criteria.

32 For adult Medicaid recipients through the Medicaid dental  
33 wellness plan, reimbursement rates shall be equal to the  
34 current mean or median, whichever is greater, of the rates  
35 paid for the same services in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois,

1 Missouri, Nebraska, and South Dakota, as calculated by HHS in  
2 consultation with the dental board, and adjusted annually to  
3 comply with the methodology prescribed in the bill.

4 For Medicaid recipients who are children under the Medicaid  
5 dental wellness plan kids, reimbursement rates shall be equal  
6 to the greater of the current mean or median, whichever is  
7 greater, of the rates paid for the same services in Minnesota,  
8 Wisconsin, Illinois, Missouri, Nebraska, and South Dakota, as  
9 calculated by the department of health and human services in  
10 consultation with the dental board, and adjusted annually to  
11 comply with the methodology prescribed under the bill; or the  
12 reimbursement rates for the same services under the healthy and  
13 well kids in Iowa (Hawki) program under Code chapter 514I.