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NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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**State Plan Amendment (SPA) NH-22-0051: *Adult Dental Benefit for Those Excluded from the Prepaid Ambulatory Health Plan (PAHP)***

Notice is hereby given that the New Hampshire (NH) Department of Health and Human Services (the Department) is proposing to amend the Title XIX State Plan to update the Medicaid State Plan (via a State Plan Amendment; SPA) to include coverage of an adult dental benefit for beneficiaries age 21 and older.

Effective April 1, 2023, the Department proposes to provide an adult dental benefit for beneficiaries ages 21 and older in order to provide diagnostic, preventive, limited periodontics, restorative, and oral surgery services. A SPA will be submitted in December 2022 to meet the proposed effective date of April 1, 2023. Payment will be made in accordance with a fee schedule established by the Department. As of April 1, 2023, there will be separate fee schedules for the children’s dental benefit and for the adult dental benefit. Adult dental benefit rates will be set as of April 1, 2023, effective for services provided on or after that date.

The estimated fiscal impact for fee for service (FFS) provision of the adult dental benefit reflects only the costs associated with beneficiaries who are excluded from coverage under the Department’s 1915(b) waiver; this waiver establishes authority to enroll most beneficiaries into a managed care organization that is specifically for the adult dental benefit, called a Prepaid Ambulatory Health Plan (PAHP). Costs associated with beneficiaries who obtain their dental benefit services while enrolled in the PAHP are accounted for separately. The table below shows estimated fiscal impact for the small portion of beneficiaries who may be covered via FFS instead of via the PAHP.

The federal and non-federal fiscal impact associated with the proposed adult dental benefit within FFS is estimated to be as follows:

<b>Adult Dental Benefit— FFS</b>	<b>Non-Federal Fiscal Impact</b>	<b>Federal Fiscal Impact</b>	<b>Total Fiscal Impact</b>
<b>Federal Fiscal Year 2023:</b> 4/1/23 – 9/30/23	\$3,568	\$9,748	\$13,316
<b>Federal Fiscal Year 2024</b> 10/1/23 – 9/30/24	\$7,136	\$19,496	\$26,632

Additionally, notice is hereby given that the Department is proposing to clarify existing payment methodology for beneficiaries under age 21 for dentures and orthodontia, as provided for under the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) benefit:

**Dentures for beneficiaries under age 21.** There is no fiscal impact expected as a result of the clarifying language revision that describes payment made in accordance with a fee schedule established by the Department.

**Comprehensive orthodontia under age 21.** There is no fiscal impact expected as a result of the clarifying language revision, necessitated by the American Dental Association retiring the CDT code for interceptive orthodontics and combining interceptive and limited orthodontics into one code titled “Limited Orthodontics.”

Copies of draft State Plan pages are available. Please contact Janine Corbett at (603) 271-9421, or via e-mail at [janine.s.corbett@dhhs.nh.gov](mailto:janine.s.corbett@dhhs.nh.gov), to request copies. The amendments to the State Plan pages may undergo further revisions before and after submittal to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) based upon public comment or CMS feedback. **Comments will be due by December 30, 2022** and should be e-mailed to [janine.s.corbett@dhhs.nh.gov](mailto:janine.s.corbett@dhhs.nh.gov) or mailed to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Medicaid Services, 129 Pleasant Street–Brown Building, Concord, NH 03301-3857, ATTN: Janine Corbett.