

HB 1538 -- Dental Carve-Out Act

Sponsor: Yates

This bill establishes the Dental Carve-Out Act of 2006 and requires the Division of Medical Services in the Department of Social Services to maintain and implement a process for managing dental benefits for public assistance recipients. The division will establish a statewide uniform dental program administered by a private entity. The division is allowed to place coverage limits on dental services and the frequency of services. The division, however, may not require a dentist to alter a patient's previously authorized course of treatment unless warranted by the patient's condition. The Attorney General will have full prosecutorial authority over any provider or recipient in the program.