

HB 400 -- Dental Carve-Out Act

Sponsor: Yates

This bill establishes the Dental Carve-Out Act of 2005 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 must contract with a single-source, private entity to provide dental program management services in coordination with the division. The division is allowed to place coverage limits on dental services and must establish a statewide uniform dental program administered by a single, private entity. 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.