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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1241

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM  
10 REIMBURSES FOR DENTAL AND ANESTHESIA COSTS FOR HIGH  
11 COMPLEXITY ORAL HEALTH CARE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 TO ENSURE THAT THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID  
16 PROGRAM REIMBURSES FOR DENTAL AND  
17 ANESTHESIA COSTS FOR HIGH COMPLEXITY  
18 ORAL HEALTH CARE.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 77, Subchapter 1, is  
23 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

24 20-77-154. High complexity oral health care – Reimbursement –  
25 Definitions.

26 (a) As used in this section:

27 (1) "Healthcare provider" means:

28 (A) An oral maxillofacial surgeon;

29 (B) A dentist;

30 (C) A dental specialist such as a endodontist,  
31 orthodontist, periodontist, or prosthodontist;

32 (D) An anesthesiologist or other anesthesia provider; or

33 (E) Support staff for an oral maxillofacial surgeon,  
34 dentist, specialty dentist, or anesthesiologist or other anesthesia provider;

35 (2) "High complexity oral health care" means any oral health  
36 care that is complicated due to:



1 (A) A craniofacial condition as diagnosed by a plastic  
2 surgeon, oral and maxillofacial surgeon, otolaryngologist, or geneticist who  
3 is a member of a nationally approved cleft-craniofacial team of the American  
4 Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Association and has evaluated the patient;

5 (B) An intellectual or developmental disability; or

6 (C) An complex medical condition that significantly  
7 impacts oral health, including without limitation radiation therapy side  
8 effects, organ transplantation, history of palliated congenital cardiac  
9 conditions, hemophilia, cystic fibrosis, or autonomic dysfunction due to  
10 spinal cord injury or spina bifida; and

11 (3) "Intellectual or developmental disability" means the same as  
12 defined in § 20-48-202.

13 (b)(1) The Arkansas Medicaid Program shall reimburse healthcare  
14 providers in a dental school in this state that is accredited by the  
15 Commission on Dental Accreditation for dental and anesthesia costs for  
16 individuals who are twelve (12) years of age or older that require high  
17 complexity oral health care or whose oral health care is complicated by  
18 craniofacial conditions, intellectual or developmental disabilities, or  
19 complex medical conditions in amount that is one percent (1%) above actual  
20 costs incurred by healthcare providers.

21 (c) The Department of Human Services shall apply for any federal  
22 waiver, Medicaid state plan amendment, or other authorization necessary to  
23 implement this section.

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25 /s/J. Mayberry  
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