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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 and

36 (2) "High complexity oral health care" means any oral health



1 care that is complicated due to:

2 (A) A craniofacial condition as diagnosed by an  
3 otolaryngologist or by genetics testing;

4 (B) An intellectual or developmental disability; or

5 (C) An complex medical condition that significantly  
6 impacts oral health, including without limitation diabetes, heart conditions,  
7 severe allergies, radiation therapy side effects, or organ transplantation.

8 (b)(1) The Arkansas Medicaid Program shall reimburse healthcare  
9 providers in a dental school in this state that is accredited by the  
10 Commission on Dental Accreditation for dental and anesthesia costs for  
11 individuals who are twelve (12) years of age or older that require high  
12 complexity oral health care or whose oral health care is complicated by  
13 craniofacial conditions, intellectual or developmental disabilities, or  
14 complex medical conditions.

15 (2) The reimbursement shall be equal to one hundred one percent  
16 (101%) of the actual costs incurred by the healthcare providers.

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

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