

# OFFICE OF FISCAL ANALYSIS

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SB-1299

AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID-COVERED DENTAL CARE.

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## ***OFA Fiscal Note***

### ***State Impact:***

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Social Services, Dept.	GF - Cost	2.2 million	2.2 million

Note: GF=General Fund

***Municipal Impact:*** None

### ***Explanation***

The bill results in a cost to the Department of Social Services (DSS) of approximately \$2.2 million in FY 26 and FY 27 due to increasing Medicaid payments for certain dental services.

Based on FY 24 data, the increased costs reflect: (1) excluding prevention services from the annual cap on Medicaid dental payments (\$350,000), and (2) expanding coverage to include a second dental cleaning per year ( \$1.8 million).

The state will also experience increased costs associated with removing the requirement that certain providers perform separate dental services in one visit as a condition of Medicaid payment. The actual cost to DSS is dependent on the number of providers who currently provide more than one dental service to a client in the same visit and instead provide those services in multiple visits.

### ***The Out Years***

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.