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SB-1098 Medi-Cal: dental services: utilization rate: report. (2015-2016)

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Senate Bill No. 1098

CHAPTER 630

An act to add and repeal Section 14005.276 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to Medi-Cal.

[Approved by Governor September 25, 2016. Filed with Secretary of State September 25, 2016.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1098, Cannella. Medi-Cal: dental services: utilization rate: report.

Existing law establishes the Medi-Cal program, administered by the State Department of Health Care Services, under which basic health care services are provided to qualified low-income persons. The Medi-Cal program is, in part, governed and funded by federal Medicaid provisions. Existing law provides coverage for certain dental services, as specified, to Medi-Cal beneficiaries 17 years of age and under through the Denti-Cal program.

This bill would require the department to report to the Legislature, by October 1, 2017, on progress towards the goal of raising the Denti-Cal utilization rate among eligible child beneficiaries to 60% or greater and identify a date by which the department projects this utilization goal will be met. The bill would authorize the department to include in the report recommendations for legislative consideration that would assist the department to meet the goal by the specified date, as prescribed. The bill's provisions would be repealed on January 1, 2021, pursuant to specified law.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: no

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 14005.276 is added to the Welfare and Institutions Code, to read:

14005.276. (a) By October 1, 2017, the department shall report to the Legislature on progress towards the goal of raising the Denti-Cal utilization rate among eligible child beneficiaries to 60 percent or greater and identify a date by which the department projects this utilization goal will be met. The department may include in the report any recommendations for legislative consideration that would assist the department in meeting the goal by the specified date, and, if applicable, shall engage relevant stakeholders in the development of those recommendations.

(b) (1) A report submitted pursuant to this section shall be submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government Code.

(2) Pursuant to Section 10231.5 of the Government Code, this section is repealed on January 1, 2021.