

SOUTH DAKOTA

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The South Dakota legislature convened on 1/11/2022. Included in this year's priorities that pertain to dentistry is the topic of Medicaid expansion. In response to dentists across the state expressing concern about increased cost of supplies and rising overhead and concern over access to care, the South Dakota Dental Association proposed a bill (House Bill 1103) to improve the dental Medicaid Program. The bill requires the Department of Social Services (the agency that manages the Medicaid Program) to create a methodology for regularly reviewing current dental fees in the state and adjusting Medicaid reimbursement rates as a percentage of current fees. This bill recently passed both the House of Representatives and the Senate and is awaiting the approval or denial by the Governor. The bill is expected to be signed by the Governor.

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