

Introduced by

Representatives R. Kelsch, Kroeber, Price

Senators Flakoll, Grindberg, Mathern

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 50-24.1 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to dental medical assistance reimbursement; to provide an
3 appropriation; to provide for a report to the legislative council; to provide an effective date; and
4 to provide an expiration date.

5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

6 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 50-24.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
7 created and enacted as follows:

8 **Dental medical assistance reimbursement - Report to legislative council.** The
9 department of human services shall pay for covered dental services for medical assistance
10 recipients from birth through twenty years of age at the rate of eighty-five percent of billed
11 services and for medical assistance recipients age twenty-one and older at the rate of
12 seventy-five percent of billed services which must be based on the fees submitted by dentists
13 to the department of human services in 2005. The department shall establish a dental services
14 fee reimbursement schedule that maximizes access of medical assistance recipients to dental
15 care. By October 1, 2008, the department of human services shall report to the legislative
16 council regarding the impact of this Act on access to dental services by medical assistance
17 recipients.

18 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the
19 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$660,678, or so much
20 of the sum as may be necessary, and from special funds derived from federal funds, the sum of
21 \$1,173,519, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of human services
22 for the purpose of funding dental services through the medical assistance program, for the
23 biennium beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2009.

24 **SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act becomes effective on January 1, 2008.

1 **SECTION 4. EXPIRATION DATE.** This Act is effective through June 30, 2009, and
2 after that date is ineffective.