

Section 1115 Demonstration Application

Amendment # 18

Dental Benefits for Adults with Disabilities or Blindness

Background

During the 2016 General Session of the Utah State Legislature, Senate Bill 39- “Medicaid Coverage for Adult Dental Services”, was passed. This bill directed the Utah Department of Health (UDOH) to seek a waiver to provide dental benefits to adults with disabilities or blindness age 18 and older. UDOH is requesting approval of this amendment no later than May 1, 2017, to provide dental benefits to this group of individuals.

Dental benefits for this group will be authorized through this waiver. All other services for this group will continue to be provided through other existing authorities.

Delivery System

Dental benefits will be provided initially through fee for service, and will use the same payment rates used for dental services provided under the state plan. Dental benefits may be provided through managed dental plans in the future; however, this will require an amendment to Utah’s 1915(b) Dental Choices waiver.

Benefits Provided

Dental benefits provided under this amendment will be the same as the state plan benefits provided to pregnant women.

Population

The population eligible for dental benefits under this amendment will include individuals with disabilities or blindness aged 18 and older. The state anticipates approximately 34,500 individuals statewide will receive benefits.

Providers

Dental services will be provided through enrolled Medicaid dental providers.