

By: Representative Smith (39th)

To: Public Health and Welfare; Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 703

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41-86-17, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO PROVIDE THAT COVERED BENEFITS UNDER THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH  
3 INSURANCE PROGRAM (CHIP) SHALL INCLUDE EARLY AND PERIODIC  
4 SCREENING, DIAGNOSTIC AND TREATMENT SERVICES AT LEAST EQUAL TO  
5 THOSE PROVIDED UNDER MEDICAID; TO PROVIDE THAT COMPREHENSIVE  
6 PEDIATRIC DENTAL CARE SHALL BE PROVIDED UNDER THE CHIP PROGRAM; TO  
7 SPECIFY THE TYPES OF SERVICES THAT ARE TO BE INCLUDED IN  
8 COMPREHENSIVE PEDIATRIC DENTAL CARE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

10 SECTION 1. Section 41-86-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
11 amended as follows:

12 41-86-17. The covered benefits under the program shall  
13 include all health care benefits and services required to be  
14 included as covered benefits under Title XXI of the federal Social  
15 Security Act, as amended, and shall include early and periodic  
16 screening, diagnostic and treatment services at least equal to  
17 those provided under the Medicaid program. The benefits and  
18 services offered and available to state employees under the State  
19 Employees Health Insurance Plan shall be used as the benchmark for  
20 benefits and services under the program, with an emphasis on  
21 preventive and primary care. Benefits and services to be provided  
22 under the program shall include: vision and hearing screening,  
23 eyeglasses and hearing aids, preventive dental care and  
24 comprehensive pediatric dental care. No deductibles, coinsurance  
25 or any other cost-sharing shall be allowed for any of the benefits  
26 and services named in the preceding sentence. Comprehensive  
27 pediatric dental care shall include, but not be limited to, the  
28 following services: amalgam restorations; primary and permanent  
29 anterior composite restorations; primary and permanent posterior  
30 composite restorations; primary and permanent extractions; space



31 maintainers; primary and permanent stainless steel crowns;  
32 sealants; primary and permanent pulpotomies and pulpectomies; and  
33 surgical and nonsurgical treatment of periodontal disease.  
34 Comprehensive pediatric dental care also shall include any  
35 hospitalization and general anesthesia (hospital and office based)  
36 necessary to properly receive dental services.

37 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
38 and after July 1, 2001.

