

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 383

Introduced by Assembly Member Tran

February 15, 2007

An act to add Section 14132.23 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to Medi-Cal.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 383, as introduced, Tran. Medi-Cal: orthodontic services.

Existing law provides for the Medi-Cal program, which is administered by the State Department of Health Care Services and under which qualified low-income persons receive health care services. Existing law requires that emergency and essential diagnostic and restorative dental services are covered benefits under Medi-Cal, except as specified, subject to certain limitations.

This bill would require that any orthodontic services covered under Medi-Cal be reimbursed on a quarterly basis pursuant to a specified formula.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 14132.23 is added to the Welfare and
- 2 Institutions Code, to read:
- 3 14132.23. Notwithstanding any other provision of law or
- 4 regulation, orthodontic services covered under the Medi-Cal
- 5 program shall be reimbursed on a quarterly basis, as determined
- 6 by dividing the patient's maximum allowance by the estimated

- 1 number of three-month periods that the patient's treatment will
- 2 require, subject to the department's utilization controls.

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