

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING PROVIDING ORAL HEALTH SERVICES TO PREGNANT WOMEN WHO ARE ENROLLED IN MEDICAID.

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Summary of Amendments Made to the Bill After the 04/16/12 Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note Was Prepared

None.

JBC Staff Concurrence with Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

Concurs Does Not Concur Updated Analysis

Amendments/Appropriation Status

The bill requires but does not contain an appropriation clause. Staff has prepared amendment **J.001** (attached) to add a provision appropriating a total of \$1,094,762, including \$508,475 General Fund, to the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing in FY 2012-13 to provide limited dental benefits to pregnant women enrolled in Medicaid.

Bill Sponsor Amendments

Sponsor amendment **L.004** (attached) changes and further limits the dental benefits provided to include:

- one comprehensive examination
- prophylaxis
- debridement
- cariostatic agents
- radiographs, and
- five dental restorations.

With sponsor amendment L.004, the Legislative Council Staff and Joint Budget Committee Staff project the FY 2012-13 cost to implement the bill as follows:

	Total	General Fund	Federal Funds
System changes, eligibility determinations, and claims processing	\$155,625	\$38,906	\$116,719
Dental benefits	669,969	334,985	334,984
Low-birth weight deliveries	(112,807)	(56,404)	(56,403)
Total	\$712,787	\$317,487	\$395,300

In FY 2013-14 it would cost a total of \$1,716,644, including \$826,917 General Fund, to implement the bill with sponsor amendment L.004.

If amendment L.004 is adopted, amendment J.002 (attached) should be adopted, rather than J.001. Amendment J.002 makes the appropriations identified in the table above.

Points to Consider

The Joint Budget Committee has introduced a balanced budget package for FY 2012-13 based on the March 2012 Office of State Planning and Budgeting forecast. The budget package appropriates all but approximately \$200,000 of General Fund revenues projected to be available, less a statutorily required four percent General Fund reserve. This bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$508,475 for FY 2012-13. In addition, the bill will require a projected \$1,424,993 General Fund in FY 2013-14.