Bill as Introduced

HB 316-FN – AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL ***316-FN***

AN ACT relative to insurance coverage for anesthesia for child dental care.

SPONSORS: Rep. Emerton, Hills 48; Rep. Dalrymple, Rock 76; Rep. DiFruscia, Rock 76; Sen. Martel, Dist 18; Sen. Larsen, Dist 15

COMMITTEE: Commerce

ANALYSIS

This bill requires insurers to cover anesthesia provided in conjunction with certain dental procedures for children under 8 years of age. Current law mandates such coverage for children under 4 years of age.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics.***
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Three

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

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5 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2004.

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HB 316-FN - FISCAL NOTE

AN ACT relative to insurance coverage for anesthesia for child dental care.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Insurance Department states this bill may increase state, county, and local expenditures and state revenue by an indeterminable amount in FY 2004 and each year thereafter. There will be no fiscal impact on county and local revenue.

METHODOLOGY:

The Department states current law requires insurers to cover anesthesia provided in conjunction with certain dental procedures for children under the age of four. This bill increases the maximum age from four to eight. The Department assumes that to the extent the State's policy for its employees is required to provide insurance coverage for this new group of children, there would be added expenditures. All policies that do not provide these benefits would see increased premium costs for the provision of the extension of these benefits. Increased premium costs would result in an increase in premium tax revenues. The Department is unable to determine how many children under the age of eight and over the age of four would require such a benefit, and as a result, are unable to determine the fiscal impact at this time.

Amendments

Rep. Quandt, Rock. 83
February 13, 2003
2003-0311h
01/09

Amendment to HB 316-FN

NOT ADOPTED

Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

1 Accident and Health Insurance; Coverage for Dental Procedures; Medical or Hospital; Group; Age for Covered Service Increased. Amend RSA 415:18-g, I(a) to read as follows:

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2003-0311h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires insurers to cover anesthesia provided in conjunction with certain dental procedures for children under 6 years of age. Current law mandates such coverage for children under 4 years of age.

Rep. Quandt, Rock. 83
February 24, 2003
2003-0397h
01/09

Amendment to HB 316-FN

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2003-0397h

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Speakers

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To Register Opinion If Not Speaking

Bill # HB 316 Date 1-29-03

Committee Commerce

**** Please Print All Information ****

Name	Address	Phone	Representing	(check one) Pro	Con
Rep. Tony DiFruscia				✓	
Senator André Martel				✓	
Bonnie Hackard		223-9136	Harvard Pilgrim		X

Hearing Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 316

BILL TITLE: relative to insurance coverage for anesthesia for child dental care.

DATE: January 29, 2003

LOB ROOM: 302 **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 1:20 pm

Time Adjourned: 1:55 pm

(please circle if present)

Committee Members: Reps. Hunt, L. Fraser, Francoeur, Belanger, Langley, DiFruscia, D. Flanders, Spiess, Holden, Liebl, Quandt, Charles Clark, Brady, Scamman, Stepanek, Reardon, Kathleen Taylor, Meader, DeStefano, Vachon and Kopka.

Bill Sponsors: Reps. Emerton, Dalrymple, DiFruscia and Sens. Martel and Larsen

TESTIMONY

* Use asterisk if written testimony and/or amendments are submitted.

Rep. Larry Emerton, prime sponsor – Introduced the bill. Asked by NH Dental Society to sponsor the bill. This bill would expand current coverage from under four to 8 and under. Purpose is to protect children from the pain and trauma of certain dental care. Dental Society does not believe current coverage goes far enough.

Richard J. Rosato, NH Dental Society – Supports the bill. Dental surgeons see these problems on a regular basis. Fear is a common problem with children. If we stop coverage at four, growth related problems would multiply.

Q: Rep. Matthew Quandt – Are we talking about surgery or normal dental care?

A: We are concerned with any medical procedure that requires anesthesia.

Q: Rep. Kathleen Taylor – Are we talking about dental insurance or medical insurance?

A: Mostly dental insurance unless infection sets in.

Q: Rep. Paul Spiess – Is there any rationale or magic to eight years?

A: Yes, by age eight most children have their permanent teeth in.

Q: Rep. John Hunt - Is it reasonable to expect that lower cost procedures will be tried first, i.e. novocaine or laughing gas?

A: Yes, it can and should be documented.

Dr. Jim Dickerson, pediatric dentist – A practicing pediatric dentist. The original bill called for coverage under general medical coverage. The medical insurers did not want to include the coverage. The average cost for this procedure is $2000. The age limit of eight is to limit the cost impact. Laughing gas is not effective on hysterical children. Performs 10-12 anesthetic procedures each year.

Q: Rep. Jane Langley – Of the 10-12 procedures you perform annually, how many are not covered by dental insurance?

A: Two or three.

Sen. Sylvia Larsen – Supports the bill. We have seen similar bills to this before. This bill is focused on complex dental problems. Often children do not see a dentist for the first time until they are four or five. Not every child can tolerate these procedures.

Yvonne Nanasi, ANTHEM BS/BC – Opposed to the bill. First, this is a mandated coverage that will impact the cost of insurance. In 2001 we paid out $700,000 for this type of procedure. The projected cost to insurance premiums is ½ of 1%. This bill does not address the needs of the uninsured. The master health policy already covers dental surgery, regardless of age. We have information on what other states do.

Q: Rep. Spiess – Would you provide us with information on the average cost of these procedures?

A: Yes.

Ward Stoops, DMD – We are talking about the hospital coverage provided under general health insurance policies, not standard dental coverage. The number of children who need general anesthetic diminishes as they grow older. The critical age is around four. For some children the problem arises when their six-year molars come in. The average cost of these procedures is $2000 to $3000. He estimates that the percentage of children who need this procedure is approximately .2%.

Q: Rep. Hunt – Is there a potential incentive if a patient does not have dental insurance, to save money by asking for surgical care?

A: Not that I am aware of, since the dental care is billed separately.

Troy Schrupp, DDS, Lakes Region General Hospital – We see about a dozen patients a year under the age of 10. The average cost is $2400.

Salman Malik, oral surgeon – The coverage question comes down to whether the procedure is considered a dental or medical procedure. Often kids who need this procedure are really sick and not able to tolerate additional pain.

Robert O. Wilson, DDS, NH Dental Society – Supports the bill.

Respectfully Submitted:

Paul D. Spiess, Clerk

Sub-Committee Actions

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

SUBCOMMITTEE WORK SESSION ON HB 316

BILL TITLE: relative to insurance coverage for anesthesia for child dental care.

DATE: March 14, 2003

Subcommittee Members: Reps. Quandt, Taylor and Fraser

Comments and Recommendations:

Amendments:

Sponsor: Rep. Quandt — OLS Document #: 2003 0397 h Approved

Sponsor: Rep. — OLS Document #:

Sponsor: Rep. — OLS Document #:

Motions: (OTP/A), ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. Fraser

Seconded by Rep. Taylor

Vote: 3-0

Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep.

Seconded by Rep.

Vote:

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Matthew J. Quandt
Subcommittee Chairman/Clerk

Sub-Committee Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

SUBCOMMITTEE WORK SESSION ON HB 316

BILL TITLE: relative to insurance coverage for anesthesia for child dental care.`

DATE: February 11, 2003

Subcommittee Members: Reps. Quandt, Scamman, Fraser, Meader

Comments and Recommendations: Twenty-six states have similar coverage. Ages 5-8 could add additional $500,000 to $800,000 cost.

Amendments:

Sponsor: Rep. OLS Document #:

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Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep.

Seconded by Rep.

Vote:

Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep.

Seconded by Rep.

Vote:

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Matthew J. Quandt
Subcommittee Chairman/Clerk

Sign in

Dr. Douglas Johnson

Yvonne Navasi – Anthem

Dr Ward Stoops

Bonnie Packard	Harvard Pilgrim
Deborah O'Loughlin	N.H. Insurance Dept.
James J. Williamson	N.H. Dental Society
Jennifer Williams	Bowley Assoc.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

SUBCOMMITTEE WORK SESSION ON HB 316

BILL TITLE: relative to insurance coverage for anesthesia for child dental care.

DATE: February 20, 2003

Subcommittee Members: Reps. Quandt, Taylor, Fraser, Meader, Scamman

Comments and Recommendations: Committee discussed new amendment. Reschedule another subcommittee meeting.

Amendments:

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Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep.

Seconded by Rep.

Vote:

Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep.

Seconded by Rep.

Vote:

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Matthew J. Quandt
Subcommittee Chairman/Clerk

Testimony

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January 29, 2002
House Commerce Committee

RE: HB 316: Dental Anesthesia Benefit Mandate

Submitted by: Yvonne Nanasi, Director of Government Relations

Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield of New Hampshire (Anthem BCBS) has concerns regarding SB 308 that compel us to request serious consideration of the bill for more reasons than because it is a mandated benefit.

The current mandate, enacted in 1998 (CL 280, SB 354), requires health insurance plans to cover anesthesia services for certain dental procedures for children up to 4 years of age. The anesthesia services, under the current law, are mandated to be paid by health insurer as a medical service rather than the dental insurer. SB 308 would expand the mandated anesthesia coverage to children from 4 years to up to 8 years old.

Anthem BCBS analysis of these services indicates that the services tend to be costly as they are often administered in a hospital setting with attending emergency services should unanticipated circumstances occur that may jeopardize patient safety. During 2001, claims for the current mandate were over $700,000 as anesthesia services. Anthem BCBS's reviewed it's current subscriber population for this age group and utilized the experience in MA where the coverage was available for this age group. Our estimate of the premium cost increase for this expansion of the current mandated benefit is less than .5%.

Nevertheless, Anthem BCBS is concerned that while expanding the mandate has an impact on the increases in insurance premiums the bill does not address the problem of access to dental services and dental hygiene information that may be present in our state. If a child's condition is so extreme as to require treatment under anesthesia, this indicates that preventive measures were not taken at an earlier age – an indication of a significant health care access problem. If this problem is so prevalent in the state as to require expansion of the mandate to older children, a study of access to dental services for children is needed not an "after the damage is done" mandate.

Anthem BCBS would appreciate an opportunity to work with the House Commerce Committee, the sponsor of the bill and the dental providers in the state to address the problem that the bill presents.

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January 5, 2000

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Honorable Donna P. Sytek
Speaker of the House
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RE: REPORT – 1998 Chapter 280 – Dental Anesthesia

Chapter 280 of the 1998 Session is an act requiring insurance coverage for hospitalization and anesthesia for dental procedures for certain patients.

Section 5 of Chapter 280 states that...."The insurance department shall analyze the effect of the coverage requirements contained in this act on the overall cost of health and dental insurance in the group markets. The insurance department shall submit a report on its analysi to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house, and the governor's office by January 1, 2000."

The Insurance Department has not been able to determine that any significant impact has occurred to the cost of health and dental insurance in the group markets since the passage of this legislation.

Sincerely,

Paula T. Rogers
Commissioner

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cc: Monica Ciolf, Deputy Commissioner
David Sky, LAH Actuary
Alex Feldvebel, Health Policy Analyst

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DOUGLAS W. JOHNSON
Pediatric Dentistry
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Complete Dental Care for Children and Adolescents

I'm here to support HB - 316 because it's simply the right thing to do. A few years ago, many of us were here supporting SB- 354 that provided coverage for kids up to the age of 6 years. It passed, but with one unfortunate change, the age was decreased to under age 4.

What I can't understand, is why there would be an age limit of any kind. Can you imagine limiting coverage for tonsillectomies for kids under a certain age? Or appendectomies? Therefore, it doesn't make much sense determining who will, or will not receive dental treatment in the hospital based on age. Dental care that requires general anesthesia in the hospital is determined by circumstances that aren't necessarily age-related; and there are basically two:

1) the nature of the procedure may be so technically involved or invasive that it requires the patient to be 'asleep', and/or
2) The patient is unable to cooperate.

Why wouldn't a patient be able to cooperate? There are three reasons, (or a combination):

1) very young
2) very fearful
3) physical/mental limitations (special needs)

The very young patient requiring extensive treatment is simply not able to handle the treatment in the dental office as a consequence of age. The older patient, who is fearful, likewise may require general anesthesia for extensive treatment as a consequence of his or her fear, as might the special needs patient as well.

Approximately only half of Americans visit the dentist regularly, and it is primarily fear that keeps them away. Fear of the dentist always ranks in the top ten fears, and usually above the fear of death! And fear has no age limit.

In summary, I'm against limiting access to dental care in the hospital by using an arbitrary age limit. I would prefer a standard that took into consideration why the patient required general anesthesia in the first place.

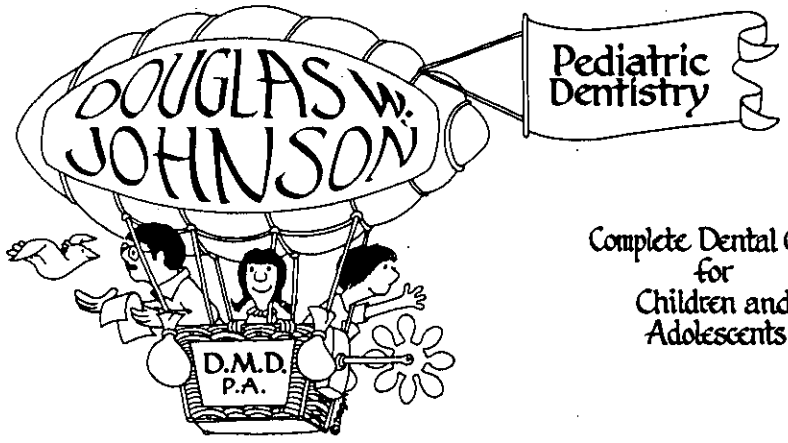
However, since HB-316 increases the age from four to eight years it is at least an improvement over present circumstances; if passed, it will improve the quality of life for more of our New Hampshire kids while having an insignificant effect on insurance rates.

Thank you,

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Summary of Enacted General Anesthesia legislation by age and state for children Requiring Dental Treatment:

*Under 4	5	7	8	9	19	NO AGE LIMIT	
1. CT	1. IA	1. CA	1. FL	1. NC	1. IN	1. ME	
2. *NH	2. KS	2. GA	2. MD	2. ND			
	3. MN	3. WA	3. NE	3. OK			
	4. MO			4. TN			
	5. NJ						
	6. SD						
	7. VA						
	8. WI						

"Mental or physical condition that necessitates general anesthesia" (NO AGE LIMIT)
1. LA
2. MS
3. TX
4. CO

Total States: 26

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From AAPD Council on Benefits (Dental) Programs (Dec. 2001)

Summary of Enacted General Anesthesia Legislation

State	Year	Patient Populations Affected	Who defines need	Location	Other
CA	1998	♦ Child under age 7 years ♦ Developmentally disabled patient regardless of age ♦ Medically compromised patient regardless of age	Not specified	Hospital or surgical center	
CO	1998	"Child" is specified but not defined. ♦ Child with a physical, medical or mental compromise ♦ Local anesthesia is ineffective due to acute infection, anatomic variation, or allergy ♦ Child or adolescent is extremely uncooperative, unmanageable, anxious or uncommunicative with dental needs that cannot be deferred ♦ Child that has sustained extensive orofacial and dental trauma	Treating dentist	Hospital, surgical center or other facility specified under a particular Colorado Statute	Can limit providers to pediatric dentists or other dentists with hospital privileges. Excludes TMJ treatments
CT	1999	♦ Child under the age of 4 determined to have a dental condition of "significant dental complexity" that it requires certain dental procedures to be performed in a hospital ♦ Person who has a developmental disability that places the person at serious risk	Treating dentist or oral surgeon and the patient's primary care physician	Hospital (law covers inpatient dental services only)	
FL	1998	♦ Child under age 8 years with a significantly complex dental condition or a developmental disability in which management in the dental office has proved ineffective ♦ Patient (no age specified) with one or more medical conditions that would create significant or undue medical risk if dental treatment were not rendered in a hospital or ambulatory surgical center	Licensed dentist and the child's physician	Hospital or surgical center	
GA	1999	♦ Child 7 years of age or younger ♦ Developmentally disabled patient regardless of age ♦ Individual for whom a successful result cannot be expected for dental care under local anesthesia due to a neurological or medically compromising condition ♦ Individual who has sustained extensive facial or dental trauma, unless otherwise covered by workers' compensation insurance	Not specified	Hospital or ambulatory surgical facility	Can limit providers to pediatric dentists or other dentists with hospital privileges
IA	2000	♦ Child under 5 years of age with a dental condition or developmental disability for which management in the dental office has proved to be ineffective ♦ Any individual with one or more medical conditions that would create significant or undue medical risk unless dental treatment is rendered in a hospital or ambulatory surgical center	Licensed dentist and the treating physician	Hospital or ambulatory surgical center	

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State	Year	Patient Populations Affected	Who defines need	Location	Other
IN	1999	• Child less than 19 years of age • Individual with a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities	Not specified	Hospital or ambulatory surgical setting	• References AAPD guidelines on general anesthesia indications • Can limit providers to those with hospital privileges • Excludes TMJ treatment
KS	1999	• Child five years of age and under • Person who is severely disabled • Person with a medical or behavioral condition which requires hospitalization or general anesthesia when dental care is provided	Not specified	Not specified	Insurer may apply deductibles, coinsurance, network requirements, medical necessity determinations, and other limitations as applied to other covered services.
LA	1997	• Insured with a mental or physical condition that requires dental treatment to be rendered in a hospital setting based on AAPD guidelines	Dentist	Hospital	Can limit providers to pediatric dentists or other dentists with hospital privileges. Excludes TMJ treatments
ME	2001	• Physical, intellectual or medically-compromising conditions • Dental treatment needs for which local anesthesia is ineffective • Extremely uncooperative, fearful, anxious or uncommunicative children and adolescents • Extensive oral-facial or dental trauma	Not specified	Hospital	
MD	1998	• Patient under age 8 years or developmentally disabled for whom a successful result cannot be expected for treatment under local anesthesia and for whom a superior result can be expected for treatment under general anesthesia • Patient who is extremely uncooperative, fearful or uncommunicative, is under age 18 years, and has dental needs of such magnitude that treatment should not be delayed or deferred and for whom lack of treatment can be expected to result in oral pain, infection, loss of teeth or other increased oral or dental morbidity	Not specified	Hospital or ambulatory facility	Can limit providers to pediatric dentists, oral surgeons or other dentists with hospital privileges. Excludes TMJ treatments
MN	1995	• Child under age 5 years • Patient who is severely disabled (no age specified) • Patient who has a medical condition and who requires hospitalization or general anesthesia for dental care treatment	Not specified	Hospital or dental office	

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State	Year	Patient Populations Affected	Who defines need	Location	Other
MO	1998	♦ Child is under age 5 years ♦ Patient is severely disabled (no age specified) ♦ Patient with a diagnosed medical or behavioral condition which requires hospitalization or general anesthesia when dental care is provided	Not specified	Hospital or surgical center	
MS	1999	♦ Child with a mental or physical condition requiring general anesthesia for dental care ♦ Mentally handicapped adult requiring general anesthesia for dental care	Dentist	Hospital, surgical center or dental office	♦ Stipulates that general anesthesia must be physician-supervised ♦ Coverage is optional; each insured must accept or reject it in writing and accept responsibility for premium payment ♦ Insurer may require a medical necessity review ♦ References AAPD guidelines on general anesthesia indications ♦ Excludes TMJ treatments
NC	1999	♦ Children below the age of 9 years ♦ Persons with serious mental or physical conditions ♦ Persons with significant behavioral problems	Provider treating the patient	Hospital or ambulatory surgical facility	Insurer may apply deductibles, coinsurance, network requirements, medical necessity determinations, and other limitations as applied to other covered services.
ND	1999	♦ Child under age 9 years ♦ Patient who is severely disabled ♦ Patient who has a medical condition that requires hospitalization or general anesthesia for dental care	Not specified	Hospital or ambulatory surgery center	
NE	2000	♦ Child under 8 years of age ♦ Patient who is developmentally disabled	Insurance company as defined by the group policy, contract or benefit plan	Hospital or ambulatory surgery center	Insurer may apply deductibles, coinsurance, network requirements, and prior authorization as specified in the group policy, contract or benefit plan.
NH	1998	♦ Child under age 4 years with a dental condition of significant complexity which requires treatment under general anesthesia ♦ Patient with exceptional medical circumstances or a developmental disability that places patient at serious risk	Licensed dentist and licensed physician	Hospital or surgical day care facility	Requires the insurance department to report on costs by January 1, 2000

State	Year	Patient Populations Affected	Who defines need	Location	Other
NJ	1999	• Child age 5 or under • Person who is severely disabled (no age specified)	Not specified	Coverage is provided "regardless of where dental services are provided"	
OK	1998	• Patient (no age specified) who is severely disabled • Child under age 9 years with a medical or emotional condition which requires hospitalization or general anesthesia for dental care	Not specified	Hospital or ambulatory surgical center	
PR	1999	No information is available at this time.			
SD	1999	• Child under age 5 years • Patient who is severely disabled or suffers from a developmental disability which places such a person at serious risk	Licensed physician	Hospital or dental office	
TN	1996	• Child under age 9 years for whom treatment cannot be performed safely in a dental office setting	Not specified	Hospital	
TX	1996	• Patient (no age specified) who is unable to undergo dental treatment in an office setting or under local anesthesia due to a documented physical, mental or medical reason	Patient's physician or the treating dentist	Not specified	

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State	Year	Patient Populations Affected	Who defines need	Location	Other
VA	2000	♦ Child under 5 years of age ♦ Patient who is severely disabled ♦ Patient who has a medical condition and requires admission to a hospital or outpatient surgery facility and general anesthesia for dental care	Licensed dentist in consultation with the patient's physician	Hospital or outpatient surgery facility	
WA	2001	♦ Child under 7 years of age ♦ Physically or mentally disabled ♦ Medical condition that would place the person at undue risk if dental procedure were performed in a dental office	Physician must determine medical condition risk and approve procedure	Hospital; medical or ambulatory surgical center	Dental coverage plans must cover general anesthesia provided in the dental office in conjunction with any covered dental procedure for child under age 7 or any person physically or mentally disabled
WI	1997	♦ Child under age 5 years ♦ Patient with a chronic disability ♦ Patient with a medical condition that requires hospitalization or general anesthesia for dental care	Not specified	Hospital or ambulatory surgical center	

** All laws permit the insurance carrier to require prior authorization for this coverage.

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To: Rep. John B. Hunt, Chairman, House Commerce Committee

From: Pam Smarling, Committee Researcher
House Committee Research

Date: February 3, 2003

RE: HB 316, relative to insurance coverage for anesthesia for child dental care; Laws in Other States

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SUMMARY

A computer search of the laws in other states identified 7 states, in addition to New Hampshire, that require insurance coverage for general anesthesia for dental care for children. This is not necessarily an exhaustive list. In these 7 states, the age of the child for which coverage is required varies from under the age of 4 to under the age of 19.

In each of the other states that require this type of insurance coverage, there are provisions addressing medical necessity and/or prior authorization requirements. This memorandum summarizes each of these laws.

The same sections of the law that mandates this coverage for children in the other states also require this type of coverage for people with disabilities, including developmental disabilities, and/or medical or mental conditions that create a medical risk.

The state of Mississippi requires insurers to offer this type of coverage to their subscribers.

Age Limits in Laws of Other States with Requirement

Insurers are required to cover the costs of general anesthesia for dental care for children:

Under 4 years: Connecticut,
Under 5 years: Iowa, New Jersey
Under 8 years: Florida
Under 9 years: Kentucky, North Dakota
Dependent child (under 19, or under 24 if a student): Colorado

Summary of Laws in States with Mandatory Coverage

1. Colorado Colorado Rev. Stat. Ann. §10-16-104

Year of Adoption: 1998

Service: general anesthesia when rendered in a hospital, outpatient surgical facility, or other licensed facility and for associated hospital or facility charges for dental care

Age: dependent child [defined as an unmarried child under 19 years of age, or an unmarried child who is a full-time student under 24 years of age and who is financially dependent on the parent]

Determination of Necessity: in the treating dentist's opinion, the dependent child must meet at least one of the following criteria:

1. a physical, mental or medically compromising condition;
2. dental needs for which local anesthesia is ineffective because of acute infection, anatomic variations, or allergy;
3. is extremely uncooperative, unmanageable, anxious, or uncommunicative and has dental needs deemed sufficiently important that dental care cannot be deferred
4. has sustained extensive orofacial and dental trauma

Insurer may:

1. require prior authorization in the same manner that prior authorization is required for hospitalization for other covered diseases or conditions
2. require that if coverage is provided through a managed care plan, the benefits shall be covered benefits only if the services are rendered by a provider who is designated by and affiliated with the carrier
3. cover only anesthesia provided by a provider only during procedures performed by an educationally qualified specialist in pediatric dentistry or other dentist educationally qualified in a recognized dental specialty for which hospital privileges are granted or who is certified by virtue of completion of an accredited program of post-graduate hospital training to be granted hospital privileges

Exclusions: treatment rendered for temporal mandibular joint (TMJ) disorders.

2. Connecticut	Conn. Gen. Stat. Ann. §38a-491a
Year of Adoption:	1999
Service:	general anesthesia, nursing and related hospital services provided in conjunction with in-patient, outpatient, or one-day dental services
Age:	under 4 years of age
Determination of Necessity:	determined by a licensed dentist, in conjunction with a licensed physician who specializes in primary care, that the child has a dental condition of significant dental complexity that it requires certain dental procedures to be performed in a hospital, the services must be deemed medically necessary by the treating dentist or oral surgeon and the patient's primary care physician in accordance with the health insurance policy's requirements for prior authorization of services
3. Florida	Fla. Stat. Ann. §627.4295, §627.65755 and §641.31
Year of Adoption:	1998
Service:	general anesthesia and hospitalization services for dental care
Age:	under 8 years of age
Determination of Necessity:	determined by a licensed dentist, and the child's physician licensed to require necessary dental treatment in a hospital or ambulatory surgical center due to a significantly complex dental condition in which patient management in the dental office has proved to be ineffective dental treatment or surgery shall be considered necessary when the dental condition is likely to result in a medical condition if left untreated
Insurer may:	require prior authorization for general anesthesia and hospital services required under this section in the same manner the insurer requires prior authorization for hospitalization for other covered services

4. Iowa	Iowa Code Ann. §514C.20
Year of Adoption:	2000
Service:	the administration of general anesthesia and hospital or ambulatory surgical center charges related to the provision of dental care services
Age:	under 5 years of age
Determination of Necessity:	upon a determination by a licensed dentist and the child's treating physician that the child requires necessary dental treatment in a hospital or ambulatory surgical center due to a dental condition for which patient management in the dental office has proved to be ineffective.
Insurer may:	require prior authorization of hospitalization or ambulatory surgical center for dental care procedures in the same manner that prior authorization is required for hospitalization for other coverages under the contract or policy
5. Kentucky	Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. §304.17A-149
Year of Adoption:	2002
Service:	payment of anesthesia and hospital or facility charges for services performed in a hospital or ambulatory surgical facility in connection with dental procedures
Age:	under 9 years of age
Determination of Necessity:	dentist treating the patient or admitting physician involved certifies that, because of the patient's age or condition or problem, hospitalization or general anesthesia is required in order to safely and effectively perform the procedures
Insurer may:	apply the same deductibles, coinsurance, network requirements, medical necessity provisions, and other limitations that apply to physical illness benefits under the health benefit plan to coverage for anesthesia and hospital or facility charges required to be covered under this section
Exclusions:	coverage for routine dental care, including the diagnosis or treatment of disease or other dental conditions and procedures not covered in this section

6. New Jersey	N.J. Stat. Ann §17:48-6u, 17:48A-7t, 17:48E35.19, 17B:26-2.1r and 17B:27-46.1u
Year of Adoption:	1999
Service:	1. general anesthesia and hospitalization for dental services; or 2. a medical condition covered by the contract which requires hospitalization or general anesthesia for dental services rendered by a dentist regardless of where the dental services are provided.
Age:	under 5 years of age
Insurer may:	require prior authorization of hospitalization for dental services in the same manner that prior authorization is required for hospitalization for other covered diseases or conditions
7. North Dakota	N.D. Century Code §26.1-36-09.9
Year of Adoption:	1999
Service:	anesthesia and hospitalization for dental care, regardless of whether the services are provided in a hospital or an ambulatory surgery center
Age:	under age 9
Insurer may:	require preauthorization for these services in the same manner that preauthorization is required for hospitalization for other covered services or conditions

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Mississippi	Miss. Code Ann. §83-9-32
Year of Adoption:	1999
Service:	anesthesia and associated facility charges
Age:	child or mentally handicapped adult
Determination of Necessity:	mental or physical condition requires dental treatment to be rendered under physician-supervised general anesthesia

dentist required to consider the Indications for General Anesthesia as published in the reference manual of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry as utilization standards for determining whether performing dental procedures necessary to treat the particular condition or conditions of the patient under general anesthesia constitutes appropriate treatment.

Insurer may:

1. require prior authorization in the same manner that prior authorization is required of other medical conditions under general anesthesia
2. require review for medical necessity and limit payment of facility charges to certified facilities in the same manner as for other services

Exclusions: treatment rendered for temporal mandibular joint (TMJ) disorders.

If I can provide further information on this, please let me know.

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From: Pam Smarling, Committee Researcher
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Date: February 14, 2003

RE: HB 316, relative to insurance coverage for anesthesia for child dental care

Age Limits and Other Provisions in the Laws of States that Require Coverage for General Anesthesia for Dental Care

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You asked:

1. How many states require this type of health insurance coverage? What are the age limits for coverage for children in these states?
2. What other categories of people are covered under this mandate?
3. What are some of the other components of the laws in other states?

SUMMARY

Laws in 27 states require health insurance policies to include coverage for general anesthesia for children. The most recent state to adopt such a law was Illinois in 2002. Most state laws in this area specify that coverage must be provided to children of a stated age who meet certain criteria. Three states set no age limit but establish criteria for obtaining coverage.

In addition to requiring coverage for children, most of the states that have this mandate also require coverage for other insured individuals such as developmentally disabled individuals of any age.

Age Limits for Children Covered by Anesthesia Mandate (24 states)

The laws in the 24 states listed below, as in New Hampshire, have criteria that must be met before a child receives coverage for this type of treatment. Laws generally require a licensed dentist, in conjunction with a licensed physician who specializes in primary care, to determine that the child has a dental condition of significant dental complexity that it requires certain dental procedures to be performed in a hospital. Other criteria are "the procedure cannot be safely performed in a dental office setting" or "the child has a medical or emotional condition" that requires treatment in a hospital setting.

State	Cite	Age
Connecticut	§38a-491a	Under 4
New Hampshire	§415:18-g	
Iowa	§514C.20	Under 5
Minnesota	§62A.308	
Missouri	§376.1225	
New Jersey	§17:48-6u	
South Dakota	§58-17-84.1	
Virginia	§38.2 – 3418.12	
Wisconsin	§632.895	
Kansas	§40-2,165	Under 6
California	Health §1367.71	Under 7
Illinois	§5/356z.2	
Washington	§48.43.185	
Florida	§627.4295	Under 8
Georgia	§33-24-28.4	
Nebraska	§44-798	
Maryland	Ins §15-828	Under 8 Under 18[1]
Kentucky	§304.17A-149	Under 9
North Carolina	§58-3-122	
North Dakota	§26.1-36-09.9	
Oklahoma	§6060.6	
Tennessee	§56-7-2353	
Indiana	§27-8-5-27	Under 19
Colorado	§10-16-104 (12)	Under 19, under 24 if student[2]

[Note: laws in some states (KS, IL, GA, MD, OK, TN) did not use the format "under the age of x". For the sake of comparison, if a law stated "age 5 and under", this was changed to "under 6" in creating this table.]

[1] *criteria for under 18*: is an extremely uncooperative, fearful, or uncommunicative child who is 17 years of age or younger with dental needs of such magnitude that treatment should not be delayed or deferred; and is an individual for whom lack of treatment can be

expected to result in oral pain, infection, loss of teeth, or other increased oral or dental morbidity

[2] *one or more of the following criteria must be met:*
- physical, mental, or medically compromising condition; or
- dental needs for which local anesthesia is ineffective because of acute infection, anatomic variations, or allergy; or
- is extremely uncooperative, unmanageable, anxious, or uncommunicative child or adolescent with dental needs deemed sufficiently important that dental care cannot be deferred; or
- has sustained extensive orofacial and dental trauma.

No Age Limits – Additional Criteria (3 states)

Louisiana
La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §228.7

Requires coverage "for anesthesia when rendered in a hospital setting and for associated hospital charges when the mental or physical condition of the insured requires dental treatment to be rendered in a hospital setting"

dentist must "consider the Indications for General Anesthesia, as published in the reference manual of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, as utilization standards for determining whether performing dental procedures necessary to treat the particular condition or conditions of the patient under general anesthesia constitutes appropriate treatment."

An insurer may restrict coverage to include only procedures performed by:
(1) A fully accredited specialist in pediatric dentistry or other dentists fully accredited in a recognized dental specialty for which hospital privileges are granted.
(2) A dentist who is certified by virtue of completion of an accredited program of post-graduate hospital training to be granted hospital privileges.
(3) A dentist who has not yet satisfied the certification requirements, but has been granted hospital privileges as of January 1, 1998.

Maine
Maine Rev. Stat. Ann. §2332-M

Requires "coverage for general anesthesia and associated facility charges for dental procedures rendered in a hospital when the clinical status or underlying medical condition of an enrollee requires dental procedures that ordinarily would not require general anesthesia to be rendered in a hospital."

If the criteria stated above is met, the following must be covered:

"A. Enrollees, including infants, exhibiting physical, intellectual or medically compromising conditions for which dental treatment under local anesthesia, with or without additional adjunctive techniques and modalities, can not be expected to provide a successful result and for which dental treatment under general anesthesia can be expected to produce a superior result;

B. Enrollees demonstrating dental treatment needs for which local anesthesia is ineffective because of acute infection, anatomic variation or allergy;

C. Extremely uncooperative, fearful, anxious or uncommunicative children or adolescents with dental needs of such magnitude that treatment should not be postponed or deferred and for whom lack of treatment can be expected to result in dental or oral pain or infection, loss of teeth or other increased oral or dental morbidity; and

D. Enrollees who have sustained extensive oral-facial or dental trauma for which treatment under local anesthesia would be ineffective or compromised."

Texas
Vernon's Code Ann. §21.53A sec. 4

Prohibits a plan that includes dental benefits from excluding coverage for "an individual who is unable to undergo dental treatment in an office setting or under local anesthesia due to a documented physical, mental, or medical reason as determined by the individual's physician or the dentist providing the dental care."

Covered Persons Other Than Children

Similar to New Hampshire's current law, the states of Colorado and Tennessee do not include other individuals under this mandate. The remaining 24 states that have this law require coverage for the following:

State	Covered Persons Other Than Children Specified in State Law
California	▪ developmentally disabled, regardless of age ▪ persons whose health is compromised and for whom general anesthesia is medically necessary, regardless of age
Connecticut	▪ developmental disability that places the person at serious risk

State	Covered Persons Other Than Children Specified in State Law
Florida	▪ has one or more medical conditions that would create significant or undue medical risk for the individual in the course of delivery of any necessary dental treatment or surgery if not rendered in a hospital or ambulatory surgical center.
Georgia	▪ developmentally disabled ▪ an individual for which a successful result cannot be expected from dental care provided under local anesthesia because of a neurological or other medically compromising condition of the insured ▪ an individual who has sustained extensive facial or dental trauma, unless otherwise covered by workers' compensation insurance
Illinois	▪ the individual has a medical condition that requires hospitalization or general anesthesia for dental care ▪ the individual is disabled
Indiana	▪ individual with a disability; this means an individual with a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of the individual; and who has a record of; or is regarded as having such an impairment
Iowa	▪ any individual upon a determination by a licensed dentist and the individual's treating physician, that such individual has one or more medical conditions that would create significant or undue medical risk for the individual in the course of delivery of any necessary dental treatment or surgery if not rendered in a hospital or ambulatory surgical center
Kansas	▪ a person who is severely disabled ▪ a person has a medical or behavioral condition which requires hospitalization or general anesthesia when dental care is provided
Kentucky	▪ persons with serious mental or physical conditions ▪ persons with significant behavioral problems, where the dentist treating the patient or admitting physician involved certifies that, because of the patient's condition or problem, hospitalization or general anesthesia is required in order to safely and effectively perform the procedures

State	Covered Persons Other Than Children Specified in State Law
Louisiana	▪ when the mental or physical condition of the insured requires dental treatment to be rendered in a hospital setting
Maine	▪ when the clinical status or underlying medical condition of an enrollee requires dental procedures that ordinarily would not require general anesthesia to be rendered in a hospital (specified criteria must be met; see page 4)
Maryland	▪ an individual for whom a successful result cannot be expected from dental care provided under local anesthesia because of a physical, intellectual, or other medically compromising condition of the enrollee or insured; and is an individual for whom a superior result can be expected from dental care provided under general anesthesia
Minnesota	▪ person is severely disabled ▪ person has a medical condition and who requires hospitalization or general anesthesia for dental care treatment
Missouri	▪ person who is severely disabled ▪ person who has a medical or behavioral condition which requires hospitalization or general anesthesia when dental care is provided
Nebraska	▪ developmentally disabled
New Jersey	▪ developmentally disabled
North Carolina	▪ persons with serious mental or physical conditions ▪ persons with significant behavioral problems, where the provider treating the patient involved certifies that, because of the patient's age or condition or problem, hospitalization or general anesthesia is required in order to safely and effectively perform the procedures
North Dakota	▪ severely disabled ▪ has a medical condition and requires hospitalization or general anesthesia for dental care treatment
Oklahoma	▪ severely disabled

State	Covered Persons Other Than Children Specified in State Law
South Dakota	▪ is severely disabled or otherwise suffers from a developmental disability as determined by a licensed physician which places such person at serious risk
Texas	▪ person who is unable to undergo dental treatment in an office setting or under local anesthesia due to a documented physical, mental, or medical reason as determined by the individual's physician or the dentist providing the dental care
Virginia	▪ is severely disabled ▪ has a medical condition and requires admission to a hospital or outpatient surgery facility and general anesthesia for dental care treatment
Washington	▪ physically or developmentally disabled, with a dental condition that cannot be safely and effectively treated in a dental office ▪ has a medical condition that the person's physician determines would place the person at undue risk if the dental procedure were performed in a dental office
Wisconsin	▪ individual has a chronic disability that meets specified conditions ▪ individual has a medical condition that requires hospitalization or general anesthesia for dental care.

Legislation Pending in 2003 Legislative Session

In addition to New Hampshire, bills have been introduced this year in the states of Massachusetts (SB 833) and New York (SB 955 and AB 1481) to add a requirement for coverage for general anesthesia for certain persons. As introduced, the Massachusetts and New York bills would require this coverage for children under the age of 5.

Bills have also been introduced in Colorado to change the existing mandate for all dependent children to a mandated offer of such insurance.

Additional Provisions Included in Other State Laws

The following are items included in other state laws:

a. require prior authorization

b. require determination of medical necessity

c. require treatment to be performed by a network physician

d. exclude treatment for TMJ disorder

e. include other categories of insureds (developmentally disabled or documented physical, mental, or medical reason)

If I can provide further information on this, please let me know.

Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 316

BILL TITLE: **relative to insurance coverage for anesthesia for child dental care.**

DATE: March 19. 2003

LOB ROOM: 302

Amendments:

Sponsor: Rep. Quandt	OLS Document #:	2003	0397h
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Motions: (OTP) OTP/A, ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. Quandt Amendment

Seconded by Rep. Flanders

Vote: 20-0 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

Motions: OTP, (OTP/A), ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. Quandt

Seconded by Rep. Flanders

Vote: 20-0 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE: 20-0

(Vote to place on Consent Calendar must be unanimous.)

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Paul D. Spiess, Clerk

OFFICE OF THE HOUSE CLERK 2003 SESSION

COMMERCE

Bill #: 316 **Title:** _____

PH Date: ___/___/___ **Exec Session Date:** 2/18/03

Motion: Adopt Amendment **Amendment #:** 03976

MEMBER	YEAS	NAYS
Hunt. John B. Chairman		
Fraser. Leo W. V Chairman	✓	
Francoeur. Sheila T	✓	
Belanger. Ronald J	✓	
Langley. Jane S	✓	
DiFruscia. Anthony R	✓	
Flanders. Donald H	✓	
Spiess. Paul D	✓	
Holden. Randolph N	✓	
Liebl. George J	✓	
Quandt. Matthew J	✓	
Clark. Charles L	✓	
Brady. Mark A	✓	
Scamman. Stella	✓	
Stepanek. Stephen B	✓	
Reardon. Tara G	✓	
Taylor. Kathleen N	✓	
Meader. David R	✓	
DeStefano. Stephen T	✓	
Vachon. Dennis P	✓	
Kopka. Angeline A	✓	
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TOTAL VOTE:
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2003 SESSION

COMMERCE

Bill #: 316 **Title:**

PH Date: / / **Exec Session Date:** 3 / 16 / 03

Motion: OTPA **Amendment #:**

MEMBER	YEAS	NAYS
Hunt. John B. Chairman		
Fraser. Leo W. V Chairman	✓	
Francoeur. Sheila T	✓	
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DiFruscia. Anthony R	✓	
Flanders. Donald H	✓	
Spiess. Paul D	✓	
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Clark. Charles L	✓	
Brady. Mark A	✓	
Scamman. Stella	✓	
Stepanek. Stephen B	✓	
Reardon. Tara G	✓	
Taylor. Kathleen N	✓	
Meader. David R	✓	
DeStefano. Stephen T	✓	
Vachon. Dennis P	✓	
Kopka. Angeline A	✓	
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TOTAL VOTE:		

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Committee Report

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: **Commerce**

BILL NUMBER: **HB 316**

TITLE: relative to insurance coverage for anesthesia for child dental care.

DATE: March 19, 2003 CONSENT CALENDAR YES ☒ NO ☐

☐ OUGHT TO PASS

☒ OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

☐ INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

☐ REFER TO COMMITTEE FOR INTERIM STUDY
(Available only in second year of biennium.)

STATEMENT OF INTENT
(Include Committee Vote)

This bill addresses the use of anesthesia in children under the age of six for significant dental work. Current law requires anesthesia coverage for children up to the age of four. The committee heard extensive testimony about the difficulties of treating young children with severe dental problems. This bill helps to ease the fears and pain for young children who need serious dental work.

Vote 20-0.

Rep. Matthew J. Quandt
FOR THE COMMITTEE

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USE ANOTHER REPORT FOR MINORITY REPORT

CONSENT CALENDAR

Commerce

HB 316, relative to insurance coverage for anesthesia for child dental care. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Matthew J. Quandt for Commerce: This bill addresses the use of anesthesia in children under the age of six for significant dental work. Current law requires anesthesia coverage for children up to the age of four. The committee heard extensive testimony about the difficulties of treating young children with severe dental problems. This bill helps to ease the fears and pain for young children who need serious dental work **Vote 20-0**.

McQuandt

HB 316

Addresses the use of anesthesia in children under the age of 6 for significant dental work. Current law requires anesthesia coverage children up to the age of 4. The committee heard extensive testimony about the difficulties of treating young children with sever dental problems. This Bill helps to address those problems and will help to ease the fears and pain for young children who need serious dental work.

JBH