HB 4 (formerly HB 692) Working Group on the Plan Preparation of an Adult Dental Benefit Into a Value-Based Care Platform In New Hampshire Medicaid

December 17, 2021

Activities since the September 24, 2021 report submission:

Subsequent to a meeting with a sub-committee of the House Health, Human Services, and Elderly Affairs Committee in September 2021, Medicaid Director Henry Lipman and Medicaid Dental Director Dr. Sarah Finne met with the full committee in an Executive session on October 26, 2021. Representative Schapiro presented Amendment 2021-2214h which includes cost sharing on dental services for Medicaid members above 150% Federal Poverty Level (FPL) and provides a removable denture benefit for individuals included in the DD, ABD, and CFI waivers, and nursing facility resident populations only, subject to medical necessity. HB 103 with Amendment #2021-2214h was voted "Ought to Pass" with a 19-1 margin. The bill will now move on to the full House and will be considered during the House sessions the week of January 3, 2022. The department is in the process of updating the cost estimate to include the cost sharing and removable denture benefit for HB 103. That update will be complete in time for the House consideration of this bill in January.

LSR 2022-2857 titled "Establishing an adult dental benefit under the state Medicaid program" has been filed by Senator Cindy Rosenwald with bi-partisan co-sponsorship. Additional information about this bill will be provided in our next report to this committee.

HB4 Working Group

The Working Group is still operating under HB 4**,** Chapter 346:226 Laws of 2019, as this is current law.
The Working Group has not had a meeting since the last report to this committee.
HB 4 work group activities are currently in abeyance and will resume as additional work is needed.