

1 AN ACT relating to Medicaid reimbursements for dental services.

2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 205 IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary and to the extent permitted*
6 *under federal law, the Department for Medicaid Services shall utilize a directed*
7 *payment option to adopt a minimum fee schedule for covered dental services. The*
8 *minimum fee schedule adopted pursuant to this section shall require any*
9 *managed care organization with which the department contracts for the delivery*
10 *of Medicaid services to reimburse an eligible dental service provider in an*
11 *amount that is at least equal to the established fee-for-service rate for the same*
12 *service.*

13 *(2) This section shall only apply to reimbursements made to Medicaid dental service*
14 *providers who served at least fifty (50) Medicaid beneficiaries during the previous*
15 *calendar year for dental services provided to a Medicaid beneficiary on or after*
16 *October 1, 2022, or thirty (30) days after the department receives federal approval*
17 *for the directed payment option required by this section, whichever is later.*

18 ➔Section 2. If the Cabinet for Health and Family Services or the Department for
19 Medicaid Services determines that a state plan amendment, waiver, or any other
20 authorization from a federal agency is necessary prior to the implementation of any
21 provision of Section 1 of this Act, the cabinet or department shall, within 90 days after
22 the effective date of this Act, request the state plan amendment, waiver, or authorization
23 and shall only delay full implementation of those provisions for which a waiver or
24 authorization was deemed necessary until the waiver or authorization is granted.