

# OFFICE OF FISCAL ANALYSIS

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AN ACT CONCERNING MOBILE DENTAL CLINICS.

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## **OFA Fiscal Note**

### **State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 20 \$	FY 21 \$
Social Services, Dept.	GF - Potential Cost	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

### **Explanation**

The bill may result in a cost to the Department of Social Services' Medicaid program to the extent the provisions of the bill increase the utilization of dental services by Medicaid beneficiaries who otherwise would not have utilized the services. For context, in FY 18, the gross cost of dental services for Medicaid beneficiaries was \$189.6 million. Approximately 201,000 members or approximately 24% of the total Medicaid program saw a dental provider.<sup>1</sup>

### **The Out Years**

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject the potential increase in utilization of dental services.

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<sup>1</sup> Source: *Benecare Report*, 2/8/19. Council of Medical Assistance Program Oversight.