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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



**PA 19-149**—sHB 7122

*Human Services Committee*

*Appropriations Committee*

**AN ACT CONCERNING MOBILE DENTAL CLINICS**

**SUMMARY:** This act authorizes the Department of Social Services (DSS) to reimburse a mobile dental clinic for dental services provided to Medicaid beneficiaries within 30 miles of the associated dentist's fixed location. The act extends the reimbursable service area to a 50-mile radius for mobile dental clinics located in New London, Litchfield, and Windham counties.

The act requires the DSS commissioner to adopt regulations to implement the reimbursement. It also authorizes her to implement policies and procedures about mobile dental clinics while in the process of adopting them in regulations, provided she posts the policies and procedures on the state eRegulations system before implementing them.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Upon passage

**DEFINITIONS**

The act defines a “mobile dental clinic” as preventative or restorative dental services offered by a licensed dentist or dental hygienist from a van or through the use of portable equipment at various locations.

It also defines a "fixed location" as the permanent office of an associated licensed dentist who contracts with a mobile dental clinic and:

1. is an enrolled Medicaid provider;
2. maintains the diagnostic imaging, tests, and charts of patients the mobile dental clinic treats;
3. accepts and treats patients from the mobile dental clinic; and
4. provides a continuum of dental care.