



1 essential part of basic overall good health is good oral health and  
2 ensuring good oral health of a mother is a cost effective way to  
3 ensure that newborns and children under the age of two start life  
4 on a healthy course. Providing oral health to a mother will not  
5 only keep her healthier but will also help improve the health  
6 status of the next generation of West Virginians.

7 (b) The Secretary of the Department of Health and Human  
8 Resources shall extend Medicaid coverage for basic and emergency  
9 dental care to any mother of a child who is a recipient of Medicaid  
10 services during pregnancy effective July 1, 2014.

11 (c) For the purposes of this section, basic and emergency  
12 dental care includes the evaluation, diagnosis, prevention and  
13 treatment of diseases, disorders and conditions of the oral cavity  
14 and maxillofacial area.

15 (d) Any woman who establishes eligibility under this section  
16 shall continue to be treated as an eligible individual without  
17 regard to any change in income of the family of which she is a  
18 member for two full years following the birth of her child.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require the Department of Health and Human Resources and Medicaid to provide dental coverage to an eligible mother for two years following the birth of her child.

This section is new; therefore, strike-throughs and

underscoring have been omitted.