

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**SENATE BILL 1863\***

Short Title: Funds to Increase Medicaid Dental Rates. (Public)

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Sponsors: Senators Malone, Purcell; Berger of Franklin, Cowell, Dannelly, Dorsett, Holloman, and Lucas.

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Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

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May 25, 2006

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO INCREASE MEDICAID  
2 REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR DENTAL CARE FOR CHILDREN AND  
3 ADULTS.  
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.(a)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the  
7 Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance, the sum of  
8 thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year. These funds shall be  
9 used to increase rates for dental services covered under the Medicaid program for  
10 children and adults. These increases in rates will bring rates almost to eighty percent  
11 (80%) of the median charges listed on the most current survey available from the  
12 national Dental Advisory Services organization.

13 **SECTION 1.(b)** The Department of Health and Human Services shall  
14 develop a fee schedule to implement rate increases authorized under Section 1 of this  
15 act and shall structure the fee schedule to ensure that funds appropriated are used to best  
16 serve the Medicaid population. In developing the fee schedule, the Department shall  
17 consult with the North Carolina Dental Society and the Old North State Dental Society.

18 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2006.