



# New Hampshire Senate **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **Senate passes bipartisan dental coverage for adults under state Medicaid plan**

SB 422 covers adults with up to a \$1,500 a year for care

CONCORD, NH – Senate Majority Leader Jeb Bradley (R-Wolfeboro) issued the following statement today on the passage of SB 422 on a vote of 23-0:

“Good dental health is essential to good overall health. That’s why I am pleased we passed SB 422 on a bipartisan basis, allowing Medicaid eligible adults to obtain dental benefits under the state’s Medicaid program. This coverage will be paid for on a 90/10 federal-state match. Dental coverage for these adults will make a huge difference in their lives. They will experience better oral health, less need for pain management prescriptions and fewer surgeries. Poor dental hygiene can also affect a person’s ability to get a job. By removing these barriers, we will see lower overall health care costs and increase reimbursements to dentists whose participation in this program is critical.”

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