

Whereas, nationally, it is estimated that more than 5% of the total of all personal health care expenditures, including individual, insurance, and government payments, are for dental services; and

Whereas, additional funding for North Carolina's Dental Medicaid Program will allow better reimbursement rates that can increase participation by dentists and help improve access for those who need dental care; Now, therefore,

1 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

2 Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
3 Human Resources, Division of Medical Assistance, the sum of one million two hundred
4 thousand dollars (\$1,200,000) for the 1995-96 fiscal year and the sum of one million two
5 hundred thousand dollars (\$1,200,000) for the 1996-97 fiscal year to improve
6 reimbursement rates for the Dental Medicaid Program.

7 Sec. 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1995.