This proposed initiative will amend the following section of the Colorado Revised Statutes:

25.5-4-401.5. Review of provider rates - advisory committee - recommendations - repeal

In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25.5-4-401.5, add (1)(d) as follows:

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Colorado. THE MINIMUM REIMBURSEMENT FEE FOR A COVERED MEDICAID DENTAL PROCEDURE PERFORMED BY MEDICAID PROVIDERS IN COLORADO MUST BE SET EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN THE LOWEST TENTH PERCENTILE OF FEES NATIONALLY ACCORDING TO THE MOST RECENT AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION “SURVEY OF DENTAL FEES.” ANY REIMBURSEMENT FEES THAT FAIL TO MEET OR EXCEED THE LOWEST TENTH PERCENTILE OF FEES NATIONALLY ACCORDING TO THE MOST RECENT AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION “SURVEY OF DENTAL FEES” MUST BE UPDATED TO COMPLY WITHIN ONE WEEK OF AN UPDATED PUBLICATION OF THE “SURVEY OF DENTAL FEES” BY THE AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION. THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE POLICY AND FINANCING WILL BE RESPONSIBLE TO OBTAIN A COPY OF THE MOST RECENT AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION “SURVEY OF DENTAL FEES” FROM THE AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION OR FROM AN AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION MEMBER DENTIST WHO IS A STATE EMPLOYEE OR FROM A MEDICAID PROVIDER WITHIN FIVE DAYS OF AN UPDATED PUBLICATION OF THE “SURVEY OF DENTAL FEES” BY THE AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION. THIS INITIATIVE WILL BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON PASSAGE.