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Adult dental access and benefit rollover

CommunHealth asks HHSC to evaluate carrying unused qualifying annual dental coverage into later years, so Texas Medicaid adults can combine it with a later allowance for approved, medically necessary treatment.

Two distinct routes for review

Existing benefits: evaluate voluntary rollover of qualifying plan-funded allowances for adults age 21 and older.
Broader access: separately assess a statewide adult dental benefit with rollover for people who do not have a qualifying allowance. Rollover alone cannot create a missing benefit or cover an excluded procedure. The credit would be noncash and would supplement the regular annual allowance.

Treatment and timely care

Evaluate coverage for full and partial dentures, fixed bridges, repairs and adjustments, crowns, fillings, root canals, gum-disease treatment, and necessary preparation and follow-up. Routine cleanings and urgent treatment should be available when needed, without waiting for rollover to accumulate. Price any needed coverage expansion separately. Study dental implants separately as medically necessary exceptions.

Preserve the existing HCBS dental benefit

Leave STAR+PLUS Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) dental coverage, eligibility, spending limits, service plans and exceptions unchanged. Exclude HCBS dental claims and unused capacity from rollover. HCBS membership alone would not prevent use of a separate qualifying benefit. Community-based HCBS is distinct from nursing-home payment arrangements.

Evidence, costs and implementation

Ask HHSC to identify the affected adult population, expected use, provider capacity, clinical evidence and implementation steps. Compare rollover designs with broader coverage and higher annual limits. Assess federal and state authority, funding, contracts and any required approvals. Publish aggregate access and spending findings while protecting privacy. Do not assume medical savings will offset added costs.

This is a requested policy change, not a statement of current benefits, approved legislation or agency endorsement.

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