

(b) The actual increase in reimbursement savings and cost offsets that have resulted from the funds appropriated in part 1 for the office of inspector general and third party liability efforts.

Sec. 1506. The department shall submit to the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on the department budget, the senate and house fiscal agencies, the senate and house policy offices, and the state budget office a quarterly report on the implementation status of the public assistance call center that includes all of the following information:

(a) Call volume during the prior quarter.

(b) Percentage of calls resolved through the public assistance call center.

(c) Percentage of calls transferred to a local department office or other office for resolution.

(d) Number of Medicaid applications completed by the public assistance call center staff and submitted on behalf of clients.

Sec. 1507. (1) From the funds appropriated for integrated service delivery in part 1 in the technology supporting integrated service and departmental administration and management line items, the department shall establish new information technology tools and enhance existing systems to improve the eligibility and enrollment process for citizens accessing department administered programs. This information technology system will consolidate beneficiary information, support department caseworker efforts in building a success plan for beneficiaries, and better support department staff in supporting enrollees in assistance programs.

(2) Outcomes and performance measures for the initiative under subsection (1) include, but are not limited to, the following:

(a) Successful consolidation of data warehouses maintained by the department.

(b) The amount of time a department caseworker devotes to data entry when initiating an enrollee application.

(c) A reduction in wait times for persons enrolled in assistance programs to speak with department staff and get necessary changes made.

(d) A reduction in department caseworker workload.

Sec. 1508. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for medical services administration, \$500,000.00 is appropriated for the operation and maintenance of the Michigan dental registry in support of the enhanced dental benefit for the Healthy Kids Dental program. Additionally, the department shall explore the expansion of the scope of the Michigan dental registry to enhance the Medicaid adult dental benefit for pregnant women.

MEDICAL SERVICES

Sec. 1601. The cost of remedial services incurred by residents of licensed adult foster care homes and licensed homes for the aged shall be used in determining financial eligibility for the medically needy. Remedial services include basic self-care and rehabilitation training for a resident.

Sec. 1603. (1) The department may establish a program for individuals to purchase medical coverage at a rate determined by the department.

(2) The department may receive and expend premiums for the buy-in of medical coverage in addition to the amounts appropriated in part 1.

(3) The premiums described in this section shall be classified as private funds.

Sec. 1605. The protected income level for Medicaid coverage determined pursuant to section 106(1)(b)(iii) of the social welfare act, 1939 PA 280, MCL 400.106, shall be 100% of the related public assistance standard.

Sec. 1606. For the purpose of guardian and conservator charges, the department may deduct up to \$95.00 per month as an allowable expense against a recipient's income when determining medical services eligibility and patient pay amounts.

Sec. 1607. (1) An applicant for Medicaid, whose qualifying condition is pregnancy, shall immediately be presumed to be eligible for Medicaid coverage unless the preponderance of evidence in her application indicates otherwise. The applicant who is qualified as described in this subsection shall be allowed to select or remain with the Medicaid participating obstetrician of her choice.

(2) An applicant qualified as described in subsection (1) shall be given a letter of authorization to receive Medicaid covered services related to her pregnancy. All qualifying applicants shall be entitled to receive all medically necessary