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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AFP 6: MEDICARE: DENTAL COVERAGE.

4 UNDER EXISTING LAW, MEDICARE IS A FEDERAL PUBLIC HEALTH
5 INSURANCE PROGRAM FOR PERSONS 65 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER AND FOR
6 SPECIFIED PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES WHO ARE UNDER 65 YEARS OF AGE.
7 UNDER EXISTING LAW, MEDICARE EXCLUDES FROM COVERAGE SERVICES IN
8 CONNECTION WITH THE CARE, TREATMENT, FILLING, REMOVAL, OR
9 REPLACEMENT OF TEETH OR STRUCTURES DIRECTLY SUPPORTING TEETH.

10 THIS MEASURE WOULD MEMORIALIZE THE CONGRESS AND THE
11 PRESIDENT TO ENACT LEGISLATION THAT WOULD INCLUDE GENERAL DENTAL
12 EXAMINATIONS AND OTHER SERVICES FOR GOOD DENTAL HEALTH AS A
13 COVERED BENEFIT UNDER THE MEDICARE PROGRAM.

14 VOTE: MAJORITY.

15 AFP 6: RELATING TO MEDICARE

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18 WHEREAS, DENTAL INFECTIONS CAN CAUSE OR EXACERBATE HEART
19 CONDITIONS AND OTHER DISEASES; AND

20 WHEREAS, TOOTH LOSS CAN LEAD TO POOR NUTRITION; AND

21 WHEREAS, DENTAL EXAMINATIONS HELP IDENTIFY ORAL CANCER; NOW,
22 THEREFORE, BE IT

23 RESOLVED, BY THE SENIOR ASSEMBLY AND THE SENIOR SENATE,
24 JOINTLY, THAT THE SENIOR LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AT ITS
25 2013 REGULAR SESSION, A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS VOTING THEREFOR,
26 HEREBY PROPOSES THAT THE MEDICARE PROGRAM PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR
27 THE PROVISION OF GENERAL DENTAL EXAMINATIONS AND OTHER SERVICES
28 FOR GOOD DENTAL HEALTH; AND BE IT FURTHER

29 RESOLVED, THAT THE SENIOR LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF
30 CALIFORNIA RESPECTFULLY MEMORIALIZES THE CONGRESS AND THE
31 PRESIDENT TO ENACT APPROPRIATE LEGISLATION THAT WOULD ADDRESS THE
32 CONCERNS SET FORTH IN THIS MEASURE; AND BE IT FURTHER

33 RESOLVED, THAT A COPY OF THIS MEASURE BE TRANSMITTED TO THE
34 PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF
35 REPRESENTATIVES, THE CHAIRPERSONS OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE

36 COMMITTEES ON AGING, AND TO EACH SENATOR AND REPRESENTATIVE FROM
37 CALIFORNIA IN THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES.