

SENATE BILL REPORT

SJM 8010

As of February 17, 2019

Brief Description: Asking Congress to include dental care in Medicare.

Sponsors: Senators Frockt, Dhingra, Randall, Keiser, Wilson, C., Kuderer and Nguyen.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Health & Long Term Care: 2/20/19, 2/22/19.

Brief Summary of Joint Memorial

- Requires transmission of a joint memorial urging the federal government to include coverage for dental care in Medicare.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & LONG TERM CARE

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Background: Medicare is the federal health insurance program for people who are 65 or older. Medicare provides coverage for hospital and medical services, and prescription drugs. Medicare does not provide coverage for dental care.

Summary of Joint Memorial: A joint memorial must be transmitted to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, urging Congress to include coverage for dental care in the federal Medicare program.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members: No.

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