

## House Resolution 1149

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Urging that the Georgia Medicaid program should provide dental services for adult pregnant  
2 women; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Georgia currently limits dental treatment for adult Medicaid recipients,  
4 including pregnant women, to emergency extractions and there is not coverage for  
5 preventive, diagnostic, or treatment services; and

6 WHEREAS, gum disease can release bacteria into the bloodstream and researchers surmise  
7 that such bacteria presence may trigger premature labor in some women, leading to low birth  
8 weight babies; and

9 WHEREAS, neo-natal care for pre-term and low birth weight babies carries great societal  
10 and medical costs which could be ameliorated by the provision of Medicaid coverage for  
11 dental services for adult pregnant women.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
13 this body urges the completion of all actions necessary to provide Medicaid coverage for  
14 dental services for adult pregnant women.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House may distribute copies of this  
16 resolution to interested and affected parties as may be appropriate.