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Oral Health Alert

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Public Hearing on HB 7069 is Monday



We have learned that the The General Assembly's Public Health Committee will schedule a public hearing for HB 7069, 'An Act Concerning Access to Oral Health Care' for Monday at 10:00 AM in Room 1D of the Legislative Office Building

Written testimony is urgently needed, please see the feature article to the right.

The bill would raise HUSKY dental reimbursement rates for children under the age of 19 to the 70th percentile.

Other provisions include appointing up to six 'regional oral health coordinators' to assist HUSKY children in areas with poor access to care. It would also formally establish the State Office of Oral Public Health within the State Department of Health.

HB 7069's reimbursement language mirrors last year's bill that successfully cleared the Public Health and Appropriations Committees.

[See the Bill . . .](#)

Focused Spoken Testimony Planned

Oral Health advocates are planning to have a group of 8-10 people provide focused spoken testimony at the public hearing on Monday.

Because of the work that we have all done so far, legislators on the committee are aware of the basic issue and what is needed now in the spoken testimony are answers to specific issues.

We are still recruiting those speakers, and if you are

**URGENT:
Written
Testimony
Needed**



Written testimony for HB 7069 is urgently needed for Monday's hearing to show the committee the wide support for increasing rates and getting our HUSKY kids the oral health care they need.

It's easy to do, you can go to the Advocacy Toolkit link below for information and samples of testimony. If you need help, just contact COHI at 860-246-2644 or send an email to [Marty Milkovic](mailto:Marty.Milkovic).

Testimony should be one to two pages in length and 60 copies are needed for submission. You can submit it in person at the Legislative Office Building, on Monday 3/5/07 at 9:00 AM or email it to COHI at the address above 3:00 PM on Friday and we will submit it for you.

contacted please make every effort to participate.

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