Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Adult Oral Health

PURPOSE: To evaluate the feasibility, cost, long-term fiscal impacts, and public health outcomes associated with expanding the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System to include comprehensive dental care for adults, rather than limiting coverage to emergency care and extractions. The Committee shall analyze financing models for expanded dental benefits and develop short-term and long-term Medicaid expenditure projections, including dynamic economic modeling of potential cost savings across the medical, behavioral health and emergency care systems.

MEMBERSHIP:

Senate — Three members of the Senate, not more than two from the same political party, appointed by the President of the Senate:
Mark Finchem (Vice Chair), Thomas "T.J." Shope (Chair), Vacant

Other — One dental hygienist who is licensed pursuant to Title 32, Chapter 11, Arizona Revised Statutes, who has expertise in preventative oral health services, community oral health or public health dentistry, appointed by the President of the Senate:
Ms. Jenny Garcia

One person who represents a Medicaid health plan in this State, who has experience in medical-dental integration or utilization management strategies, appointed by the President of the Senate:
Mr. Matt Jewett, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona

Two dentists who are licensed pursuant to Title 32, Chapter 11, Arizona Revised Statutes, who represent dental societies or professional dental organizations, who have experience treating patients with unmet oral health needs and have demonstrated knowledge of oral health access barriers, appointed by the President of the Senate:
Dr. Regina Cobb
Dr. Jessica Robertson

Two patient advocacy representatives who have expertise in oral health, dental access or health equity, appointed by the President of the Senate:
Ms. Deb Kappes
Ms. Terran Walstad

Notes:

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