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Smiles on Wheels opposes House Bill No. 4865. We feel all PA 161 programs should be exempt from this bill, many of the requirements of this bill would be over regulating programs that are already regulated by the Department of Community Health. Parts of this bill would also cause individuals to not apply for a PA 161 therefore further restricting access to preventive care to underserved populations

SEC. 21603. (1) AN OPERATOR SHALL OBTAIN A PERMIT UNDER THIS PART FOR A MOBILE DENTAL FACILITY BEFORE OFFERING DENTAL SERVICES AT THE FACILITY. The Pa 161 entities already have to apply to the department in order to be granted the ability to have a program, this would create another process that could hinder an individual from the desire to start a program and the whole idea of these endeavors are to bring access to dental care. This is over regulation.

SEC. 21605. (1) AN INDIVIDUAL OR ENTITY SEEKING A PERMIT TO OPERATE A MOBILE DENTAL FACILITY SHALL SUBMIT AN APPLICATION ON A

FORM PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

AN APPLICATION SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT UNDER SUBSECTION (1) SHALL INCLUDE A REGISTRATION FEE IN AN AMOUNT

DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT BUT NOT MORE THAN THE COST OF REGULATION. What will be on the application, will there be more regulations placed on the applicant?

These programs bring dental care to underserved populations, the cost to start up this type of program can be excessive, adding another fee to this process could place a financial burden to an individual

SEC. 21607. (1) AN APPLICANT SHALL PROVIDE WITH THE

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APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT UNDER THIS PART, AND SUBSEQUENTLY,
WITHIN

10 DAYS AFTER A REQUEST FROM THE DEPARTMENT, ALL OF THE
FOLLOWING

INFORMATION, AS APPLICABLE:

(A) A LIST OF EACH DENTIST, DENTAL HYGIENIST, AND DENTAL
ASSISTANT WHO WILL PROVIDE CARE AT OR WITHIN THE MOBILE DENTAL
FACILITY, INCLUDING, AT A MINIMUM, EACH INDIVIDUAL'S NAME,
ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER, AND STATE OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE
NUMBER.

A program that has already been granted a PA 161 status has a
tax id number for the business, all operators have to be listed
on the application. Individuals who work for a program have to
give this information to be employed by the program for tax
purposes, this application for the suggested permit is over
regulation of a process that already exists, the Pa 161
programs have to renew their application every two years if the
program is not in compliance, the application could be denied
therefore there is no need for the extra process.

(C) A SIGNED MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE OPERATOR AND
AT LEAST 1 DENTIST OR PARTY WHO CAN ARRANGE FOR OR PROVIDE
FOLLOW

UP SERVICES AT A SITE WITHIN A REASONABLE DISTANCE OF THE
LOCATION

WHERE THE OPERATOR PROVIDES DENTAL SERVICES TO A PATIENT. THE
MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT SHALL STATE THAT THE CONTRACTING
DENTIST OR PARTY WILL ACCEPT PATIENTS TREATED AT THE MOBILE
DENTAL FACILITY FOR FOLLOW-UP DENTAL SERVICES, IF THE 1
OPERATOR DOES NOT PROVIDE FOR
FOLLOW-UP SERVICES AT A PERMANENT LOCATION WITHIN A REASONABLE
DISTANCE OF THE LOCATION WHERE THE OPERATOR PROVIDED DENTAL
SERVICES TO THE PATIENT. The PA 161 programs have a
supervising dentist that is in agreement to supervise the
program which provides preventive services, but do not have to
treat the patient for other dental needs, a list of possible

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providers for other dental treatment that may be needed is given to the patient. The requirement to have the dentist that has agreed to supervise a program now have to treat the patients would result in dentists not being willing to sign the agreement to be a supervising dentist, the reason the PA 161 came into existence is due to the fact that there is a lack of dentists willing to treat an underserved population. These programs provide a needed service to these individuals who cannot receive preventive dental care any other way.

(C) MAKE IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE, UPON REQUEST FROM ANY PERSON, A COPY OF THE LICENSE OF EACH DENTIST, DENTAL HYGIENIST, OR DENTAL ASSISTANT WORKING AT THE MOBILE DENTAL FACILITY. This information is already on record with the Department, there is no reason "any person" needs to have this information

SEC. 21609.

(3) IF THE WRITTEN TREATMENT 1 PLAN REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION 2 (1) CANNOT BE COMPLETED DURING THE PATIENT'S INITIAL VISIT TO THE MOBILE DENTAL FACILITY, THE OPERATOR OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE SHALL MAKE A REASONABLE ATTEMPT TO SCHEDULE ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS TO COMPLETE DENTAL SERVICES EITHER AT THE MOBILE DENTAL FACILITY OR WITH AN AFFILIATED DENTIST, DENTAL OFFICE, OR PARTY WHO CAN ARRANGE FOR OR PROVIDE THOSE DENTAL SERVICES UNDER A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE MOBILE DENTAL FACILITY, AT INTERVALS NOT TO EXCEED 90 DAYS, UNTIL THE TREATMENT PLAN IS COMPLETED OR THE

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10 PATIENT CEASES TREATMENT. IF THE OPERATOR OR HIS OR HER
DESIGNEE IS
11 UNABLE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONTINUED TREATMENT, HE OR
SHE
12 SHALL PLACE WRITTEN DOCUMENTATION OF THE ATTEMPTS IN THE
PATIENT
13 RECORD AND MAKE THE DOCUMENTATION AVAILABLE UPON THE REQUEST
OF THE
14 DEPARTMENT. A COPY OF THE DOCUMENTATION SHALL BE SENT TO THE
15 PATIENT. FAILURE OF THE OPERATOR OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE TO
COMPLY
16 WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION IS UNPROFESSIONAL
CONDUCT BY
17 PATIENT ABANDONMENT AND IS CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION BY
THE
18 BOARD OF DENTISTRY. Many of these programs are able to treat
some of the patients dental needs other than preventive, with
the help of "volunteer" dentists who give their time throughout
the year when they are available, this requirement is
unrealistic.

The patients are given referrals to clinics or offices to
complete their treatment. General dental offices do not have
this requirement to complete someone's treatment plan within 90
days, this is another attempt to over regulate these programs
who are providing preventive services to individuals who lack
access to this care

SEC. 21611. (1) THE OPERATOR SHALL SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT ON
17 ACTIVITIES PERFORMED AT THE MOBILE DENTAL FACILITY DURING
THE 1-
18 YEAR PERIOD FOLLOWING APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION UNDER THIS
PART
19 AND FOR EACH 1-YEAR PERIOD THEREAFTER. THE REPORT SHALL BE
20 SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT, THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY
HEALTH,
21 AND THE BOARD OF DENTISTRY NOT LATER THAN 60 DAYS AFTER THE
22 EXPIRATION OF EACH 1-YEAR PERIOD.

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23 (2) AN ANNUAL REPORT REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (1) SHALL
24 INCLUDE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:
25 (A) A LIST OF ALL LOCATIONS, INCLUDING STREET ADDRESS, CITY,
26 AND STATE, WHERE ANY LEVEL OF DENTAL SERVICE WAS PROVIDED.
27 (B) THE DATES WHEN DENTAL SERVICES WERE PROVIDED. PA 161
programs already have to report to the department, this is over
regulation.

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