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Effective September 1, 2012, Medicaid will require the submission of a **Handicapping Labio-Lingual Deviation (HLD) Index Report** with **all** prior approval requests for initial orthodontia treatment.

#### The **HLD Index Report**:

- Provides an objective and standardized measurement methodology to determine Medicaid coverage for the treatment of a **severe physically handicapping malocclusion**;
- Serves as an **update** to the Medicaid Dental Provider Manual; and
- Will be used by **Medicaid fee for service and managed care plans** to verify that coverage criteria are met.

DOH will be holding a **webinar** in late August to review the HLD Index Report and address questions relating to implementation. Monitor the **eMedNY listerv system for webinar registration** information. Providers and other interested parties may also email the OHIP Dental Bureau at [dental@health.state.ny.us](mailto:dental@health.state.ny.us) with any questions on the HLD Index Report so that they may be addressed in the webinar.

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