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To the editor:

On Thursday, November 6th, Governor Corzine unveiled his annual budget, a budget that for the first time ever will eliminate Medicaid dental benefits for adults in New Jersey. What has not been publicized is how this will impact adults with disabilities in our state. Medicaid benefits are the only way most disabled adults can afford dental care. It is their lifeline to good oral health. And recent studies have shown links between gum disease and diabetes, stroke and heart disease. Depriving these people of dental care could well lead to poor overall health and shorten their lives.

As a dentist who cares for these vulnerable patients, I urge the governor to reconsider this decision which will most certainly bring increased suffering and a diminished quality of life. Many of my patients can not speak for themselves, so I appeal to the public to join me in contacting the governor and your assemblymen to help prevent this injustice.

Sincerely,

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