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SYNOPSIS

Prohibits certain provisions in agreements between insurance carriers and dentists.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning dental insurance and supplementing P.L.1997,
2 c.192 (C.26:2S-1 et seq.).
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4 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:
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7 1. a. A carrier shall not include in an agreement between the
8 carrier and a participating dentist a provision that:

9 (1) allows the carrier to deny payment to a participating dentist
10 for a procedure performed or for a service provided on behalf of a
11 covered person; and

12 (2) prohibits the dentist from collecting the amount owed from
13 the covered person for that procedure or service.

14 b. As used in this section:

15 "Carrier" means an insurance company, health service
16 corporation, hospital service corporation, medical service
17 corporation, dental service corporation, dental plan organization or
18 health maintenance organization authorized to issue dental contracts
19 or plans in this State.

20 "Participating dentist" means a dentist who has entered into a
21 contract with a carrier to provide dental services to covered persons
22 for a predetermined fee or set of fees.
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24 2. This act shall take effect on the 90th day next following
25 enactment, and shall apply to dental contracts or plans issued or
26 renewed after the effective date.
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29 STATEMENT
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31 This bill prohibits certain provisions in agreements between
32 insurance carriers and dentists.

33 Specifically, the bill prohibits a carrier from including in an
34 agreement between the carrier and a participating dentist a
35 provision that:

36 (1) allows the carrier to deny payment to a participating dentist
37 for a procedure performed or for a service provided on behalf of a
38 covered person; and

39 (2) prohibits the dentist from collecting the amount owed from
40 the covered person for that procedure or service.