
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DENTAL SERVICES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 431, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to part I of article 10A to be
3 appropriately designated and to read as follows:
4 "§431:10A- Contracts with providers for dental
5 services. No contract between an accident and health or
6 sickness insurer and a dentist for the provision of services to
7 patients may require that a dentist provide services to
8 subscribers at a fee set by the accident and health or sickness
9 insurer unless the services are covered services under the
10 applicable subscriber agreement.
11 As used in this section, "covered services" means services
12 reimbursable under the applicable subscriber agreement, subject
13 to such contractual limitations on subscriber benefits as may
14 apply, including deductibles, waiting period, or frequency
15 limitations."



1 SECTION 2. Chapter 432, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to part VI of article 1 to be
3 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

4 "§432:1- Contracts with providers for dental services.

5 No contract between a mutual benefit society and a dentist for
6 the provision of services to patients may require that a dentist
7 provide services to subscribers at a fee set by the mutual
8 benefit society unless the services are covered services under
9 the applicable subscriber agreement.

10 As used in this section, "covered services" means services
11 reimbursable under the applicable subscriber agreement, subject
12 to such contractual limitations on subscriber benefits as may
13 apply, including deductibles, waiting period, or frequency
14 limitations."

15 SECTION 3. Chapter 432D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
17 and to read as follows:

18 "§432D- Contracts with providers for dental services.

19 No contract between a health maintenance organization and a
20 dentist for the provision of services to patients may require
21 that a dentist provide services to subscribers at a fee set by



1 the health maintenance organization unless the services are
2 covered services under the applicable subscriber agreement.

3 As used in this section, "covered services" means services
4 reimbursable under the applicable subscriber agreement, subject
5 to such contractual limitations on subscriber benefits as may
6 apply, including deductibles, waiting period, or frequency
7 limitations."

8 SECTION 4. Chapter 448D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
9 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
10 and to read as follows:

11 "§448D- Contracts with providers for dental services.
12 No contract between a dental service organization and a dentist
13 for the provision of services to patients may require that a
14 dentist provide services to subscribers at a fee set by the
15 dental service organization unless the services are covered
16 services under the applicable subscriber agreement.

17 As used in this section, "covered services" means services
18 reimbursable under the applicable subscriber agreement, subject
19 to such contractual limitations on subscriber benefits as may
20 apply, including deductibles, waiting period, or frequency
21 limitations."



1 SECTION 5. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
2 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
3 begun before its effective date.

4 SECTION 6. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.



Report Title:

Dental Services; Contracts

Description:

Prohibits an accident and health or sickness insurer, mutual benefit society, health maintenance organization, or dental service organization from requiring a dentist who provides services to its subscribers to accept a fee set by the accident and health or sickness insurer, mutual benefit society, health maintenance organization, or dental service organization unless the services are covered under the applicable subscriber agreement. Effective July 1, 2020. (HB1896 HD1)

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