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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 "Covered services" means services reimbursable under the
12 applicable subscriber agreement, subject to such contractual
13 limitations on subscriber benefits as may apply, including for
14 example deductibles, waiting period, or frequency limitations."

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



1 "§432:1- Contracts with providers for dental services.
2 No contract between a mutual benefit society and a dentist for
3 the provision of services to patients may require that a dentist
4 provide services to subscribers at a fee set by the mutual
5 benefit society unless the services are covered services under
6 the applicable subscriber agreement.

7 "Covered services" means services reimbursable under the
8 applicable subscriber agreement, subject to such contractual
9 limitations on subscriber benefits as may apply, including for
10 example deductibles, waiting period, or frequency limitations."

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

14 "§432D- Contracts with providers for dental services.
15 No contract between a health maintenance organization and a
16 dentist for the provision of services to patients may require
17 that a dentist provide services to subscribers at a fee set by
18 the health maintenance organization unless the services are
19 covered services under the applicable subscriber agreement.

20 "Covered services" means services reimbursable under the
21 applicable subscriber agreement, subject to such contractual



1 limitations on subscriber benefits as may apply, including for
2 example deductibles, waiting period, or frequency limitations."

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

6 "§448D- Contracts with providers for dental services.

7 No contract between a dental service organization and a dentist
8 for the provision of services to patients may require that a
9 dentist provide services to subscribers at a fee set by the
10 dental service organization unless the services are covered
11 services under the applicable subscriber agreement.

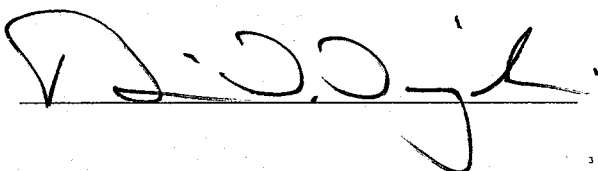
12 "Covered services" means services reimbursable under the
13 applicable subscriber agreement, subject to such contractual
14 limitations on subscriber benefits as may apply, including for
15 example deductibles, waiting period, or frequency limitations."

16 SECTION 5. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
17 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
18 begun before its effective date.

19 SECTION 6. New statutory material is underscored.

20 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: 



Report Title:

Dental Services; Contracts

Description:

Prohibits a 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.

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