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RELATING TO INSURANCE - DENTAL SERVICE CORPORATIONS

Introduced By: Representative John J. McCauley

Date Introduced: February 12, 2009

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1-1   SECTION 1. Chapter 23-17.13 of the General Laws entitled "Health Care Accessibility

1-2   and Quality Assurance Act" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

1-3   **23-17.13-6. Contracts with providers for dental services. –** (a) No contract between a

1-4   dental plan of a health care entity and a dentist for the provision of services to patients may

1-5   require that a dentist provide services to its subscribers at a fee set by the health care entity unless

1-6   said services are covered services under the applicable subscriber agreement. "Covered services,"

1-7   as used herein, means services reimbursable under the applicable subscriber agreement, subject to

1-8   such contractual limitations on subscriber benefits as may apply, including, for example,

1-9   deductibles, waiting period or frequency limitations.

1-10   (b) For the purposes of this section "dental plan" shall include any policy of insurance

1-11   which is issued by a health care entity which provides for coverage of dental services not in

1-12   connection with a medical plan.

1-13   SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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2-1   This act would provide that no contract between a dental insurance company or similar

2-2   entity and a dentist would require the dentist to provide services to a subscriber at a price set by

2-3   the insurer, unless the services were covered under the applicable insurance agreement.

2-4   This act would take effect upon passage.

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