

House File 2229 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2034)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act prohibiting the imposition by a dental plan of fee
2 schedules for the provision of dental services that are not
3 covered by the plan.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 514C.3B Dental coverage — fee
2 schedules.

3 1. A contract between a dental plan and a dentist for the
4 provision of services to covered individuals under the plan
5 shall not require that a dentist provide services to those
6 covered individuals at a fee set by the dental plan unless such
7 services are covered services under the dental plan.

8 2. A person or entity providing third-party administrator
9 services shall not make available any dentists in its dentist
10 network to a dental plan that does any of the following:

11 a. Sets fees for dental services that are not covered
12 services.

13 b. Sets fees for dental services that exceed the maximum fee
14 for dental services covered by the dental plan.

15 3. For the purposes of this section:

16 a. "*Covered services*" means services reimbursed under the
17 dental plan.

18 b. "*Dental plan*" means any policy or contract of insurance
19 which provides for coverage of dental services not in
20 connection with a medical plan that provides for the coverage
21 of medical services.

22 EXPLANATION

23 This bill creates new Code section 514C.3B which prohibits
24 a dental plan from setting fee schedules for participating
25 dentists for the provision of dental services that are not
26 covered by the plan. The bill also prohibits a third-party
27 administrator from making a dentist in its provider network
28 available to a dental plan that sets fees for services that are
29 not covered or sets fees for dental services that exceed the
30 maximum fee for dental services covered by the dental plan.

31 For the purposes of the bill, a "covered service" is a
32 service reimbursed under the applicable dental plan. A "dental
33 plan" is any policy or contract of insurance which provides for
34 coverage of dental services not in connection with a medical
35 plan which provides for the coverage of medical services.