

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 9 - 0 - 1
Yeas: Bruun, Cannon, Harker, Hoyle, Kotek, Maurer, Nathanson, Thompson, Greenlick
Nays: 0
Exc.: Kennemer
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Meeting Dates: 2/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Establishes that a dental services contract cannot restrict the price that a dental health services provider can charge for services unless the services are covered by the insurer. Declares an emergency; effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Other states activities
- Current process of billing patients for services not covered by plans
- Carriers' decision and impact on provider network

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Nationally, a number of companies that sell dental benefit cards have set a cap on the amount that a participating dentist can bill a patient for non-covered services, thus setting either a maximum allowable fee or, in some cases, the cardholder would be entitled to the full discount of dental work performed by a participating dentist and the dentist would not be reimbursed for the discount.

House Bill 3665 prohibits dental services contracts, defined as a contract between an insurer and a provider or group of providers to provide dental services to enrollees, with a cap on the amount that a provider can bill a patient for non-covered services.