

Non-Covered Services

House Bill 2946

A national trend has developed of insurance companies attempting to set caps on fees for dental services they do not cover in their insurance plans.

Fortunately, in Oregon, we acted to stop this practice before it started, to ensure patients' rights were protected and that all patients, whether they are covered by one of these insurance companies or not, continue to receive the highest quality of care.

State Legislative Activity

In 2009, The Rhode Island Dental Association was the first state successful in their effort to pass legislation to prevent dental insurance carriers from capping fees on non-covered services. Following suit, Oregon **unanimously** passed HB 3665 in 2010. However, our bill has a sunset on it.

Other state dental associations have subsequently worked to ensure that patient quality of care is protected despite the current national trend:

- Since mid-2009, a total of 43 states have filed a non-covered service bill in at least one legislative session.
- In total, **28** states have enacted a non-covered service law.

***IT'S TIME FOR OREGON TO REMOVE THE SUNSET
ON OUR NON-COVERED SERVICES LAW.***

Protecting Patient Care/Protecting Patients' Pocketbooks

This bill will continue to ensure that dentists are able to provide each patient with the highest quality of care and that the patient and dentist are able to make individual treatment choices which protect the health and well-being of the patient.

Caps on fees do not change the cost of non-covered dental services. Caps set below the costs of services will put practices in the difficult position of shifting the costs to the patients in the form of higher rates for other services.

PLEASE SUPPORT House Bill 2946.

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