

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

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RELATING TO INSURANCE -- HEALTH CARE ACCESSIBILITY AND QUALITY
ASSURANCE ACT

Introduced By: Senator Erin Lynch Prata

Date Introduced: February 27, 2019

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 27-18.8-4 of the General Laws in Chapter 27-18.8 entitled "Health
2 Care Accessibility and Quality Assurance Act" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **27-18.8-4. Contracts with providers for dental services.**

4 No contract between a dental plan of a health care entity and a dentist for the provision of
5 services to beneficiaries may require that a dentist provide services to its patients at a fee set by
6 the health care entity unless said services are covered services under the applicable subscriber
7 agreement. "Covered services," as used herein, means services ~~reimbursable~~ reimbursed under the
8 applicable beneficiary agreement, subject to ~~such contractual limitations on beneficiary benefits~~
9 ~~as may apply, including, for example,~~ deductibles, ~~waiting period,~~ or frequency limitations, but
10 excluding alternate benefit provisions.

11 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would redefine the term "covered services" as used to describe applicable
2 subscriber agreements between a health care entity and a dentist, to exclude waiting period and
3 alternate benefit provisions.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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