

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

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RELATING TO INSURANCE - HEALTH CARE ACCESSIBILITY AND QUALITY  
ASSURANCE ACT

Introduced By: Representatives Kennedy, Azzinaro, and Diaz

Date Introduced: March 02, 2022

Referred To: House 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 healthcare 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 the  
6 healthcare entity unless said services are covered services under the applicable subscriber  
7 agreement. "Covered services," as used herein, means services ~~reimbursable~~ reimbursed, in whole  
8 or in part, under the applicable beneficiary agreement, subject to ~~such contractual limitations on~~  
9 ~~beneficiary benefits as may apply, including, for example,~~ deductibles, ~~waiting period~~, or frequency  
10 limitations.

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

EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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- 1           This act would amend the definition of "covered services" under the provision of law
- 2 relating to contracts with providers for dental services.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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