

**Subject** Dental organizations, providers, and third-party access to networks

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### Overview

This bill makes changes to the requirements in contracts between a dentist or dental clinic and a dental organization. Changes relate to disclosures of fees, methods of payment, and a dental organization allowing third-parties access to a dentist or dental clinic's contract, services, or discounts.

### Summary

Section	Description
1	<b>Contract disclosure.</b> Removes language regarding a health plan company/dental organization's duty to disclose aggregate maximum allowable fee information to providers.
2	<b>Fee schedules.</b> Makes conforming changes.
3	<b>Third party.</b> Defines third-party as one who enters into a contract with a dental organization, or another third-party, to gain access to services or discounts pursuant to a dental provider contract.
4	<b>Method of payment.</b> Requires a dental provider contract to include a method of payment for services where no fee was incurred by the provider. Requires that fees related to receiving payment for services be disclosed to the provider by the dental organization before the provider contract is executed.
5	<b>Network leasing.</b> (a) Allows a dental organization to give a third-party access to a dental provider contract, services, or discounts if the requirements in paragraph (b) are met.

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	Requires dental provider contracts to clearly state provisions relating to third-party access.
	(b) Allows a dental organization to grant a third-party access to the dental provider contract, services, or discounts if: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) the provider agrees to allow third-party access in their contract;</li><li>(2) the provider has the opportunity to opt out of third-party access without penalty;</li><li>(3) the third-party agrees to comply with all applicable terms of the provider contract; and</li><li>(4) the dental organization lists all third parties granted access on its website, updated at least every 90 days.</li></ol>
	(c) Clarifies that a provider is not required to perform services under a contract if access is granted to a third party in violation of this section.



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