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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill deals with contracts between dentists and dental organizations involving the right of dentists to charge insured patients for dental care under various circumstances

Section

1 **Applicability.** Specifies definitions that apply to section 2.

2 **Contracts with dental care providers.** (a) Prohibits a dental provider agreement from requiring dentists to provide services not covered by the patient's dental plan at a fee dictated by the dental organization of from preventing dentists from charging any mutually agreeable fee for those services. Defines "covered dental services" as including services for which the dental plan makes nopayment due to deductibles and similar reimbursement limits.

(b) Requires dental organizations to clearly identify the amount of the patient's obligation to pay the dentist on an explanation of benefits.

(c) Makes this section not apply to state or federal government programs.