

**Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 3, 2023**

SENATE BILL NO. 2135
(Senators Lee, Bekkedahl, Mathern)
(Representatives Ista, Rohr, Satrom)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 26.1-36 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to assignment of dental insurance benefits; and to provide for application.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 26.1-36 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Dental insurance - Assignment.

An individual or group insurance policy covering dental services may not be issued or renewed unless the policy authorizes the insured or beneficiary to assign reimbursement for health or dental care services directly to the provider of services. Under this assignment, the insurer, if authorized by the insured or beneficiary, shall pay directly to the provider the amount of the claim under the same criteria and payment schedule as would have been reimbursed directly to the insured.

SECTION 2. APPLICATION. This Act applies to insurance policies issued or renewed on or after the effective date of this Act.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2135.

Senate Vote: Yeas 44 Nays 1 Absent 2

House Vote: Yeas 88 Nays 0 Absent 6

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2023.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2023.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2023,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State