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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011

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

Introduced By: Representative Robert E. Flaherty

Date Introduced: March 03, 2011

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 23-17.13-6 of the General Laws in Chapter 23-17.13 entitled
2 "Health Care Accessibility and Quality Assurance Act" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **23-17.13-6. Contracts with providers for dental services.** -- (a) No contract between a
4 dental plan of a health care entity and a dentist for the provision of services to patients may
5 require that a dentist provide services to its subscribers at a fee set by the health care entity unless
6 said services are covered services under the applicable subscriber agreement. "Covered services,"
7 as used herein, means services reimbursable under the applicable subscriber agreement, subject to
8 such contractual limitations on subscriber benefits as may apply, including, for example,
9 deductibles, waiting period or frequency limitations.

10 (b) For the purposes of this section "dental plan" shall include any policy of insurance
11 which is issued by a health care entity which provides for coverage of dental services not in
12 connection with a medical plan.

13 (c) Health care entities which require that dentists provide services to subscribers at a fee
14 set by the health care entity prior to January 1, 2009 shall not be limited by this section.

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would exempt dentists from set fees for subscribers, if the health care entity set
- 2 the fees prior to January 1, 2009.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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