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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

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

Introduced By: Representatives Bennett, Kennedy, O'Grady, O'Brien, and Ucci

Date Introduced: June 06, 2018

Referred To: House Finance

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 [Effective January 1, 2018.]" is hereby amended to
3 read as follows:

4 **27-18.8-4. Contracts with providers for dental services. [Effective January 1, 2018.].**

5 No contract between a dental plan of a health care entity and a dentist for the provision of
6 services to beneficiaries may require that a dentist provide services to its patients at a fee set by
7 the health care entity unless said services are covered services under the applicable subscriber
8 agreement. "Covered services," as used herein, means services ~~reimbursable~~ reimbursed, in whole
9 or in part, under the applicable beneficiary agreement, subject to ~~such contractual limitations on~~
10 ~~beneficiary benefits as may apply, including, for example,~~ deductibles, ~~waiting period,~~ or
11 frequency limitations.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would redefine the term "covered services" as used to describe applicable
2 subscriber agreements between a health care entity and a dentist, to exclude waiting period
3 provisions.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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