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By House Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Barnard, Macri, Harris, Walen, Caldier, Gregerson, Christian, and Riccelli)

1 AN ACT Relating to health carriers offering dental only coverage;
2 and adding a new section to chapter 48.43 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 48.43
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) Every health carrier offering dental only coverage and every
7 health carrier offering dental coverage included with the health plan
8 delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed by a health carrier on and
9 after January 1, 2024, shall permit denturists licensed under chapter
10 18.30 RCW to provide dental services or care included in their
11 benefits package, to the extent that:

12 (a) The provision of such dental services or care is within the
13 health care providers' permitted scope of practice; and

14 (b) The providers agree to abide by standards related to:

15 (i) Provision, utilization review, and cost containment of dental
16 services;

17 (ii) Management and administrative procedures; and

18 (iii) Provision of cost-effective and clinically efficacious
19 dental services.

20 (2) The requirements of subsection (1) of this section do not
21 apply to a licensed health care profession regulated under Title 18

1 RCW when the licensing statute for the profession states that such
2 requirements do not apply.

3 (3) For purposes of this section, "health carrier" means health
4 care service contractors, limited health care service contractors,
5 and disability insurers offering dental only coverage.

6 (4) This act does not apply to a plan that offers dental only
7 coverage when the plan relies solely on employees of the health
8 carrier for provision of the benefits.

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