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

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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 only coverage in addition to a health
8 plan delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed by a health carrier
9 on and after January 1, 2024, shall permit denturists licensed under
10 chapter 18.30 RCW to provide dental services or care included in
11 their 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," in addition
4 to the definition in RCW 48.43.005, also includes health care service
5 contractors, limited health care service contractors, and disability
6 insurers offering dental only coverage
7   (4) This act does not apply to a plan that offers dental only
8 coverage when the plan relies solely on employees of the health
9 carrier for provision of the benefits.

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