

SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 73

2019 Regular Session

Long

KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

INSURERS. Provides for a dental service care provider choosing the method by which the provider shall be reimbursed by an insurer. (8/1/19)

SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

1. Makes technical amendments only.

DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

DIGEST

SB 73 Reengrossed

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Proposed law defines "credit card payment" as a type of electronic funds transfer in which a dental plan or its contracted vendor issues a single-use series of numbers chargeable for a predetermined dollar amount associated with the payment for dental healthcare services.

Proposed law defines "electronic funds transfer" as an electronic funds transfer through the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act standard automated clearinghouse network.

Proposed law prohibits a dental plan that is delivered, renewed, issued for delivery, or otherwise contracted for in this state from restricting methods of payment from the dental plan to the dentist for the purpose of making a credit card as the only means payment is acceptable for healthcare services provided by the dentist to the insured.

Proposed law requires a dental plan which initiates or changes payments to a dentist using electronic funds transfer payments or credit card payments to do both of the following:

- (1) Notify the dentist if any fees are associated with a particular payment method.
- (2) Advise the dentist of all available methods of payment and provide clear instructions to the dentist as to how to select an alternative payment method.

Prohibits waiver by contract of provisions in proposed law.

Effective August 1, 2019.

(Amends R.S. 22:1157(A); Adds R.S. 22:1157(D))

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