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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 of 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 restricts a dental plan that is delivered, renewed, issued for delivery, or otherwise contracted for from limiting methods of payment from the dental plan to the dentist to credit card payments.

Proposed law requires a dental plan which initiates or changes payments to a dentist using electronic funds transfer payments to:

(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.

Proposed law prohibits the waiver by contract of proposed law.

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