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Present law provides for insurance reimbursement or payments to dentists for dental care services. Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law defines "express acceptance" as a written agreement between a dental plan and a dentist providing for a payment method.

Proposed law provides that a dentist must elect through express acceptance to receive payment of a claim using credit card or electronic funds transfer payment methods.

Proposed law provides that the violation of express acceptance requirement nullifies any election on claim payment methodology and requires execution of a new express acceptance agreement.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 22:1157(D)(2)(intro para); adds R.S. 22:1157(A)(6) and (D)(2)(c) and (4))