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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DENTISTS.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1 SECTION 1. Section 346-59, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

3 "(b) Rates of payment to providers of medical care who are  
4 individual practitioners, including doctors of medicine,  
5 [~~dentists,~~] podiatrists, psychologists, osteopaths,  
6 optometrists, and other individuals providing services, shall be  
7 based upon the Hawaii medicaid fee schedule[~~-~~]; provided that  
8 rates of payment to dentists shall be based on the seventy-fifth  
9 percentile of the usual, customary, and reasonable fee  
10 established by insurers for services provided by dentists. For  
11 the purposes of this section, the term "usual, customary, and  
12 reasonable fee" means:

- 13 (1) Usual fee: The fee that an individual dentist most  
14 frequently charges for a specific dental procedure;  
15 (2) Customary fee: The fee determined from actual fees  
16 submitted for a specific dental procedure. The



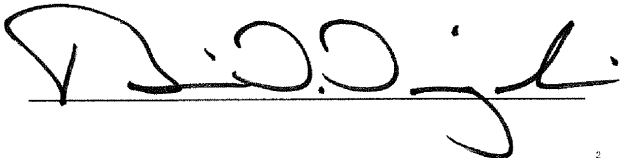
1 customary fee establishes the maximum benefit payable  
 2 for that procedure; and  
 3 (3) Reasonable fee: The fee charged by a dentist for a  
 4 specific dental procedure that has been modified by  
 5 complications or unusual circumstances.

6 [~~The~~] Except for payments to dentists, the amounts paid shall  
 7 not exceed the maximum permitted to be paid individual  
 8 practitioners or other individuals under federal law and  
 9 regulation, the medicare fee schedule for the current year, the  
 10 state limits as provided in the appropriation act, or the  
 11 provider's billed amount.

12 The appropriation act shall indicate the percentage of the  
 13 medicare fee schedule for the year 2000 to be used as the basis  
 14 for establishing the Hawaii medicaid fee schedule. For any  
 15 subsequent adjustments to the fee schedule, the legislature  
 16 shall specify the extent of the adjustment in the appropriation  
 17 act."

18 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
 19 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

20 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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 INTRODUCED BY: 



**Report Title:**

Dentists Reimbursement; Usual, Customary, and Reasonable Fee

**Description:**

Requires rates of payment to dentists to be based on the 75th percentile of the usual, customary, and reasonable fee established by insurers for services provided by dentists. Defines the term "usual, customary, and reasonable fee".

