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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DENTAL SERVICES.

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

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 432, article 1, Hawaii Revised  
2 Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately  
3 designated and to read as follows:

4           "§432:1- Fees to providers of dental services. (a) No  
5 mutual benefit society may require, directly or indirectly, a  
6 dentist who is a participating provider to provide services to  
7 an enrolled participant at a fee set by, or at a fee subject to  
8 the approval of, the mutual benefit society unless the dental  
9 services are covered services.

10           (b) A mutual benefit society shall not include, in any  
11 dental service plan, contract, or agreement with a dentist to  
12 provide covered services, any provision that sets or recommends  
13 fees for dental services that are not covered services.

14           (c) For the purposes of this section, "covered services"  
15 means dental care services for which a reimbursement is  
16 available under an enrollee's plan contract, or for which a  
17 reimbursement would be available but for the application of  
18 contractual limitations such as deductibles, copayments,



1 coinsurance, waiting periods, annual or lifetime maximums,  
2 frequency limitations, alternative benefit payments, or any  
3 other limitation.

4 (d) A violation of this section shall be deemed a  
5 violation of section 480-2."

6 SECTION 2. Chapter 432D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
7 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
8 and to read as follows:

9 "§432D- Fees to providers of dental services. (a) No  
10 health maintenance organization may require, directly or  
11 indirectly, a dentist who is a participating provider to provide  
12 services to an enrolled participant at a fee set by, or at a fee  
13 subject to the approval of, the health maintenance organization  
14 unless the dental services are covered services.

15 (b) A health maintenance organization shall not include,  
16 in any dental service plan, contract, or agreement with a  
17 dentist to provide covered services, any provision that sets or  
18 recommends fees for dental services that are not covered  
19 services.

20 (c) For the purposes of this section, "covered services"  
21 means dental care services for which a reimbursement is  
22 available under an enrollee's plan contract, or for which a



1 reimbursement would be available but for the application of  
2 contractual limitations such as deductibles, copayments,  
3 coinsurance, waiting periods, annual or lifetime maximums,  
4 frequency limitations, alternative benefit payments, or any  
5 other limitation.

6 (d) A violation of this section shall be deemed a  
7 violation of section 480-2."

8 SECTION 3. Chapter 448D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
9 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
10 and to read as follows:

11 "§448D- Fees to providers of dental services. (a) No  
12 dental service organization may require, directly or indirectly,  
13 a dentist who is a participating provider to provide services to  
14 an enrolled participant at a fee set by, or at a fee subject to  
15 the approval of, the dental service organization unless the  
16 dental services are covered services.

17 (b) A dental service organization shall not include, in  
18 any dental service plan, contract, or agreement with a dentist  
19 to provide covered services, any provision that sets or  
20 recommends fees for dental services that are not covered  
21 services.





**Report Title:**

Dental Services

**Description:**

Prohibits dental service organizations, mutual benefit societies, and health maintenance organizations from requiring a dentist who provides services to its subscribers to accept a fee set by the plan for any services except covered services.

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