

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO.

Introduced by

Senator Nething

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 26.1-36 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the assignment of dental insurance benefits to a dentist or oral
3 surgeon.

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 26.1-36 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 created and enacted as follows:

7 **Assignment of benefits to a dentist or oral surgeon.** No insurer, health care center,
8 hospital and medical service corporation or other entity delivering, issuing for delivery,
9 renewing, continuing or amending any group health insurance policy in this state on or after
10 July 1, 2009, providing coverage to the type specified in sections 2, 4, 5, and 09.9 of chapter
11 26.1-36 and no dental services plan offering or administering dental services may refuse to
12 accept or make reimbursement pursuant to an assignment of benefits made to a dentist or oral
13 surgeon by an insured, subscriber or enrollee, provided the dentist or oral surgeon charges the
14 insured, subscriber or enrollee no more for services than the dentist or surgeon charges
15 uninsured patients for the same services. As used in this section, "assignment of benefits"
16 means the transfer of dental care coverage reimbursed benefits or other rights under an
17 insurance policy, subscription contract or dental services plan by an insured, subscriber or
18 enrollee to a dentist or oral surgeon.