

Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO

SENATE BILL NO. 2377

Introduced by

Senators Boschee, Bekkedahl, Dwyer

Representatives Dockter, Koppelman, Louser

- 1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 26.1-47-02.1 of the North Dakota Century
2 Code, relating to preferred provider arrangements and restrictions on dental care services.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 26.1-47-02.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **26.1-47-02.1. Fees for dental services - Prohibition.**

7 1. As used in this section, "covered services" means dental care services for which a
8 reimbursement is available under an enrollee's plan ~~or for which a reimbursement~~
9 ~~would be available but for the application of a deductible, copayment, coinsurance,~~
10 ~~waiting period, annual or lifetime maximum, or frequency limitation.~~

11 2. ~~Except for fees for covered services, a preferred provider arrangement for a dental~~
12 ~~plan may not directly or indirectly set or otherwise regulate the fees charged by the~~
13 ~~preferred provider for dental care services.~~

14 ~~3. A preferred provider arrangement for a dental plan may not restrict a covered person~~
15 ~~from receiving additional dental care services that were denied due to annual, lifetime,~~
16 ~~or frequency limitations being met by the covered person's dental plan:~~

17 a. Limit the fee the dental provider may charge for a service that is not a covered
18 service; or

19 b. Include a provision that:

- 1 (1) Allows the dental insurer to disallow a service, resulting in denial of payment
- 2 to the dental provider for a service that ordinarily would have been covered;
- 3 or
- 4 (2) Prohibits the dental provider from collecting the amount owed from the
- 5 patient for that service.