

SENATE BILL NO. 2207

Introduced by

Senators Nething, Hogue, Potter

Representatives Conrad, Martinson, Nathe

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.** An insurer, health care center,
8 hospital, medical service corporation, or other entity delivering, issuing for delivery, renewing,
9 continuing, or amending a group health insurance policy in this state on or after July 1, 2009,
10 providing coverage of the type specified in section 26.1-36-02, 26.1-36-04, 26.1-36-05, or
11 26.1-36-09.9 or dental services plan offering or administering dental services may not 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 reimbursement 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.