

SENATE BILL NO. 2135

Introduced by

Senators Lee, Bekkedahl, Mathern

Representatives Ista, Rohr, Satrom

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 assignment of dental insurance benefits; and to provide for
3 application.

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 created
6 and enacted as follows:

7 **Dental insurance - Assignment.**

8 An individual or group insurance policy covering dental services may not be issued or
9 renewed unless the policy authorizes the insured or beneficiary to assign reimbursement for
10 health or dental care services directly to the provider of services. Under this assignment, the
11 insurer, if authorized by the insured or beneficiary, shall pay directly to the provider the amount
12 of the claim under the same criteria and payment schedule as would have been reimbursed
13 directly to the insured.

14 A Non-contracted or out of network provider reimbursed by an insurance policy may not
15 bill the insured for the difference between the insurance payment and the provider's charge.

16 **SECTION 2. APPLICATION.** This Act applies to insurance policies issued or renewed on or
17 after the effective date of this Act.