

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with House Amendments**

ENGROSSED 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 may not restrict a covered person from receiving or
15 paying for additional dental care services that were denied by the covered person's
16 dental plan.

17 4. Unless disclosed to the covered person before receiving dental care, a covered
18 person receiving or paying for additional dental care services described in
19 subsection 3 may not be charged a rate in excess of the preferred provider
20 arrangement's contracted rate for covered services.