

FINAL BILL REPORT

SHB 2686

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Concerning fees for dental services that are not covered by insurance or contract.

Sponsors: House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Driscoll, Hinkle, Condotta, Moeller and Goodman).

House Committee on Health Care & Wellness
Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care

Background:

Washington Dental Services notified participating dentists it was changing provider contract provisions to allow it to limit fees charged by contracted dentists for dental services not covered by the insurer's dental plans.

Summary:

Disability insurers and health care service contractors are prohibited from requiring a contracting dentist to provide services to a subscriber at a fee set by, or subject to the approval of, the insurer, unless the dental services are covered services under the applicable contract. Covered services include services that would be reimbursable but for the application of contractual limitations such as benefit maximums, deductibles, coinsurance, waiting periods, or frequency limitations.

Votes on Final Passage:

House	97	0	
Senate	45	1	(Senate amended)
House	95	0	(House concurred)

Effective: June 10, 2010

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