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By Committee on Health & Long Term Care

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 48.43
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 (1) Every health carrier offering dental only coverage and every
6 health carrier offering dental only coverage in addition to a health
7 plan delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed by a health carrier
8 on and after January 1, 2024, shall permit denturists licensed under
9 chapter 18.30 RCW to provide dental services or care included in
10 their benefits package, to the extent that:

11 (a) The provision of such dental services or care is within the
12 health care providers' permitted scope of practice; and

13 (b) The providers agree to abide by standards related to:

14 (i) Provision, utilization review, and cost containment of dental
15 services;

16 (ii) Management and administrative procedures; and

17 (iii) Provision of cost-effective and clinically efficacious
18 dental services.

19 (2) The requirements of subsection (1) of this section do not
20 apply to a licensed health care profession regulated under Title 18
21 RCW when the licensing statute for the profession states that such
22 requirements do not apply.

23 (3) For purposes of this section, "health carrier," in addition
24 to the definition in RCW 48.43.005, also includes health care service
25 contractors, limited health care service contractors, and disability
26 insurers offering dental only coverage

27 (4) This act does not apply to a plan that offers dental only
28 coverage when the plan relies solely on employees of the health
29 carrier for provision of the benefits."

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1 On page 1, at the beginning of line 2 of the title, strike the
2 remainder of the title and insert "and adding a new section to
3 chapter 48.43 RCW."

EFFECT: Makes technical definition changes to align with existing statutes.

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