Office of Program Research

BILL ANALYSIS

Health Care Committee

HB 1795

Brief Description: Concerning dental care benefits provided by insurers and health care service contractors.

Sponsors: Representatives Morrell and Campbell.

Brief Summary of Bill

• Requires dental plans to pay licensed providers for covered services in equal amounts and on equivalent terms.

Hearing Date: 2/18/03

Staff: Dave Knutson (786-7146).

Background:

There is no statutory requirement that entities offering dental plans treat all licensed providers comparably.

Summary of Bill:

Requires dental plans to pay licensed providers for covered services in equal amounts and on equivalent terms.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not Requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.