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**By** Representatives Cody, Caldier, Robinson, Macri, Thai, Tharinger, Doglio, Appleton, and Gregerson

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1 AN ACT Relating to health carriers offering dental only coverage;  
2 and adding a new section to chapter 48.43 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

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

6 (1) Every health carrier offering dental only coverage delivered,  
7 issued for delivery, or renewed by a health carrier on and after  
8 January 1, 2020, shall:

9 (a) Permit every category of dental provider licensed under  
10 chapter 18.29, 18.30, 18.32, or 18.260 RCW to provide dental services  
11 or care included in their benefits package, to the extent that:

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

14 (ii) The providers agree to abide by standards related to:

15 (A) Provision, utilization review, and cost containment of dental  
16 services;

17 (B) Management and administrative procedures; and

18 (C) Provision of cost-effective and clinically efficacious dental  
19 services.

20 (b) Annually report the names and addresses of all officers,  
21 directors, or trustees of the health carrier during the preceding

1 year, and the amount of wages, expense reimbursements, or other  
2 payments to such individuals, unless substantially similar  
3 information is filed with the commissioner or the national  
4 association of insurance commissioners. This requirement does not  
5 apply to a foreign or alien insurer regulated under chapter 48.20 or  
6 48.21 RCW that files a supplemental compensation exhibit in its  
7 annual statement as required by law.

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

12 (3) For purposes of this section, "health carrier," in addition  
13 to the definition in RCW 48.43.005, also includes health care service  
14 contractors, limited health care service contractors, and disability  
15 insurers offering dental only coverage.

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