

SENATE BILL No. 167

By Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance

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9 AN ACT concerning health insurance; relating to insurance payments
10 for covered dental services.

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12 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

13 Section 1. (a) Each health insurer's health benefit plan which pro-
14 vides for dental services and which is delivered, issued for delivery,
15 amended or renewed by a health insurer on or after July 1, 2005, shall
16 provide that the amount paid for providing covered dental services to an
17 insured shall be the same whether or not such dentist providing the cov-
18 ered dental services is a participating provider, belonging to such health
19 insurer's provider network.

20 (b) The payment required by subsection (a) shall not adversely affect
21 the insured's deductible or copayment under such health benefit plan.

22 (c) For the purposes of this act:

23 (1) "Health benefit plan" shall have the meaning ascribed to it in
24 K.S.A. 40-4602 and amendments thereto.

25 (2) "Health insurer" shall have the meaning ascribed to it in K.S.A.
26 40-4602 and amendments thereto.

27 (3) "Provider" shall have the meaning ascribed to it in K.S.A. 40-4602
28 and amendments thereto. Provider shall also include any dentist licensed
29 by the Kansas dental board.

30 (4) "Participating provider" shall have the meaning ascribed to it in
31 K.S.A. 40-4602 and amendments thereto.

32 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
33 publication in the statute book.