

SESSION OF 2026

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2564

As Recommended by House Committee on
Insurance

Brief*

HB 2564 would require dentists to expressly accept a claim payment using a credit card or electronic funds transfer payment method by a dental benefit plan. Additionally, the bill would require that the dentist's selected form of payment would remain in effect until the dentist chooses a different form of payment or the contract ends. The bill would also specify that a dental benefit plan that initiates or changes payments to a dentist through certain automated clearing houses in effect July 1, 2026, could not charge certain fees.

Express Acceptance Agreements

The bill would require express acceptance to be expressed through clear and direct agreement to the terms of the payment method, communicated explicitly by the dental plan to the dentist, in writing, signifying acceptance of such payment method without ambiguity or implied actions.

Violations of Express Acceptance

The bill would provide that, upon violation of express acceptance, any election on claim payment methodology would be nullified until such time as express agreement is executed.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <https://klrd.gov/>

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Health and Human Services at the request of Representative Reavis on behalf of the Kansas Dental Association.

House Committee on Insurance

In the House Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by representatives of the Great Plains Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, PA; Kansas Dental Association; and Niles Family Dentistry. The proponents noted that the bill included one paragraph of model legislation from the National Council of Insurance Legislators regarding virtual credit card payments and the way insurance carriers pay their provider dentists for claims. Additionally, the proponents shared how the processing of claims and use of virtual credit cards is impacting their dental practices.

Written-only **opponent** testimony was provided by a representative of National Association of Dental Plans and the American Council of Life Insurers who testified this approach would fundamentally alter the existing electronic payment framework in Kansas.

No other testimony was provided.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of Budget on the bill, the Kansas Dental Board, the Kansas Department of Insurance, the Department of Corrections, the Department of Administration, and the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services all state that the bill would not have a fiscal effect.

The League of Kansas Municipalities states that the bill would not have a fiscal effect on cities. The Kansas Association of Counties indicates that if insurance costs are not affected by the bill, then there would be no fiscal effect on counties.

Insurance; dental benefit plans; dentist; alternative forms of payment