HOUSE BILL No. 2545

By Committee on Health and Human Services

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AN ACT concerning insurance; relating to dental benefits; defining non-covered services under health insurance plans; amending K.S.A. 40-2.186 and repealing the existing section.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 40-2,186 is hereby amended to read as follows: 40-2,186. For the purposes of this act K.S.A. 40-2,185 and 40-2,186, and amendments thereto:

- (a) "Covered service" means a service—which or material that is reimbursable under the health benefit plan subject to any deductible, coinsurance, waiting period, frequency limitation, annual or lifetime benefit maximum or other contractual limitation contained in the health benefit plan. "Covered service" does not include any service or material that is covered or provided at a nominal or de minimis rate.
- (b) "Health benefit plan"-shall have the meaning ascribed to it means the same as defined in K.S.A. 40-4602, and amendments thereto. Health benefit plan shall, and also-include includes:
- (1) Any subscription agreement issued by a nonprofit dental service corporation.
 - (2) Any policy of health insurance purchased by an individual.
- (3) To the extent permitted by law, the health insurance plan for Kansas children established pursuant to K.S.A. 38-2001 et seq., and amendments thereto.
- (4) To the extent permitted by law, the state medical assistance program under medicaid established pursuant to K.S.A. 39-708c, and amendments thereto.
- (c) "Health insurer" shall have the meaning ascribed to it means the same as defined in K.S.A. 40-4602, and amendments thereto. Health-insurer shall, and also include includes a nonprofit dental service corporation as such term is used in K.S.A. 40-19a01 et seq., and amendments thereto.
- (d) "Insured"-shall have the meaning ascribed to it means the same as defined in K.S.A. 40-4602, and amendments thereto. Insured shall, and also-includes a subscriber to a subscription agreement issued by a nonprofit dental service corporation as such term is used in K.S.A. 40-19a01 et seq., and amendments thereto.

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(e) "Participating provider"—shall have the meaning ascribed to itmeans the same as defined in K.S.A. 40-4602, and amendments thereto—Participating provider shall, and also—include includes any dentist who has entered into a participation agreement with a nonprofit dental service corporation.

- (f) "Provider"-shall have the meaning ascribed to it means the same as defined in K.S.A. 40-4602, and amendments thereto. Provider shall, and also include includes any dentist licensed by the Kansas dental board.
- Sec. 2. K.S.A. 40-2,186 is hereby repealed.
- Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.