

ENGROSSED SENATE AMENDMENT
TO
ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 2313

By: Eddins of the House
and
Cain of the Senate

An Act relating to insurance; requiring health benefit plans to provide coverage for certain expenses associated with hospital dental procedures for certain minors; providing for covered person; allowing prior authorization for coverage; providing for application of deductibles, copayments or coinsurance; defining health benefit plan; providing exception to definition of health benefit plan; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

AMENDMENT NO. 1. Page 1, strike the title, enacting clause and entire bill and insert

"An Act relating to insurance; requiring health benefit plans to provide coverage for certain expenses associated with certain dental procedures for certain persons under certain conditions; allowing prior authorization for coverage; providing for application of deductibles, copayments or coinsurance; defining term; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6060.6 of Title 36, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Any health benefit plan that is offered, issued or renewed in this state on or after January 1, 1999, that provides hospitalization benefits shall provide coverage for anesthesia expenses, hospital and ambulatory surgical center expenses, and physician expenses associated with any medically necessary dental procedure when provided to a covered person who is:

1. Severely disabled; or

2. A minor eight (8) years of age or under,

and who has a medical or emotional condition which requires hospitalization or general anesthesia for dental care.

B. A health benefit plan may require prior authorization for either inpatient or outpatient hospitalization for dental care in the same manner that prior authorization is required for hospitalization for other covered diseases or conditions.

C. Coverage provided for in subsection A of this section shall be subject to the same annual deductibles, copayments or coinsurance limits as established for all other covered benefits under the health benefit plan.

D. As used in this section, "health benefit plan" means any plan or arrangement as defined in subsection C of Section 6060.4 of Title 36 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 1998."

Passed the Senate the 25th day of March, 1998.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____, 1998.

Speaker

of the House of
Representatives