

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 490

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to dental insurance; prohibiting
8 certain contract requirements for dental services;
9 defining terms; providing for codification; and
10 providing an effective date.

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

12 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
13 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 7501 of Title 36, unless there
14 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

15 A. No contract between a dental plan of a health benefit plan
16 and a dentist for the provision of services to patients may require
17 that a dentist provide services to its subscribers at a fee set by
18 the health benefit plan unless the services are covered services
19 under the applicable subscriber agreement.

20 B. As used in this section:

21 1. "Covered services" means services reimbursed under the
22 applicable subscriber agreement, subject to the contractual
23 limitations on subscriber benefits as may apply, including but not
24 limited to deductibles, waiting period or frequency limitations.

1 Services that are not reimbursed due to contractual limitations,
2 such as a frequency limitation on the number of yearly teeth
3 cleanings, do not fall within this definition;

4 2. "Dental plan" means and shall include any policy of
5 insurance which is issued by a health benefit plan which provides
6 for coverage of dental services not in connection with a medical
7 plan; and

8 3. "Health benefit plan" means any plan or arrangement as
9 defined in subsection C of Section 6060.4 of Title 36 of the
10 Oklahoma Statutes or any dental service corporation authorized
11 pursuant to Section 2671 of Title 36 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

12 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

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