

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 57th Legislature

Bill No.:	SB 948
Version:	ENGR
Request Number:	NA
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Impact:	OID: \$0 to agency or to the State. OMES/EGID: No significant impact.

Research Analysis

SB 948 defines “prior authorization”, meaning verifiable authorization that a specific procedure is included in a patient’s dental plan and reimbursable. Dental service contractors may not deny any claim for a procedure included in said prior authorization unless: benefit limitations are reached, the documentation for the claim fails to verify that the claim was included in the prior authorization changes in condition or treatment occur that would make the procedure no longer medically necessary, changes in condition or treatment occur that would make the procedure no longer covered, another payor is responsible for payment, the dentist has already been paid, the claim was submitted fraudulently, or the person was ineligible for procedure at the time of the procedure. The dental service contract must issue a prior authorization within 30 days of receiving a request submitted by a dentist. The measure prohibits a dental service contractor from recouping a claim if the contractor incorrectly confirmed coverage and eligibility.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure pertains to dental insurance, coverage, denial and recoupment of claims. After analysis, the Oklahoma Insurance Department does not anticipate any impact to their agency. The Employee Group Insurance Department of OMES finds no significant impact to their agency.

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Other Considerations

None.