

**Bill Summary**  
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<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>SB 948</b>
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**Bill Analysis**

The CCS on SB 948 defines “prior authorization” as it relates to dental services and prohibits dental service contractors from denying any claim submitted for procedures specifically included in a prior authorization or from requiring any information be submitted for a prior authorization request that would not be required for submission of a claim. The measure provides exceptions for instances when the claim causes benefit limitations to be reached, documentation that fails to prove a claim is submitted, changes in condition or treatment occur, payment has already been delivered, or if another entity is responsible for payment. Dental service contractors must issue a prior authorization within thirty days of a request submitted by a dentist. The measure also amends health benefit plan coverage requirements for cases related to autism by allowing such plans to include services offered by a board-certified assistant behavior analyst.

**Conference Committee Report**

The CCS on SB 948 adds authorization for health benefit plans to offer the services of a board-certified assistant behavior analyst as well as a board-certified behavior analyst allowed by current law and restores the Title on the measure.

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