

**Bill Summary**  
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**Bill Analysis**

SB 948 defines “prior authorization” and prohibits dental service contractors from denying any claim submitted for procedures specifically included in a prior authorization or from including 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. Contractors must issue a prior authorization within thirty days of a request submitted by a dentist.

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