



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5126

LCO No. 886

Referred to Committee on Insurance and Real Estate

Introduced by:
(INS)

An Act Concerning Assignment Of Benefits To A Dentist Or Oral Surgeon.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) No insurer, health care center, hospital and
2 medical service corporation or other entity delivering, issuing for
3 delivery, renewing, continuing or amending any individual health
4 insurance policy in this state on or after July 1, 2000, providing
5 coverage of the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12)
6 of section 38a-469 of the general statutes, and no dental services plan
7 offering or administering dental services may refuse to accept or make
8 reimbursement pursuant to an assignment of benefits made to a
9 dentist or oral surgeon by an insured, subscriber or enrollee. As used
10 in this section, "assignment of benefits" means the transfer of dental
11 care coverage reimbursement benefits or other rights under an
12 insurance policy, subscription contract or dental services plan by an
13 insured, subscriber or enrollee to a dentist or oral surgeon.

14 Sec. 2. (NEW) No insurer, health care center, hospital and medical
15 service corporation or other entity delivering, issuing for delivery,
16 renewing, continuing or amending any group health insurance policy

17 in this state on or after July 1, 2000, providing coverage of the type
18 specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469 of
19 the general statutes, and no dental services plan offering or
20 administering dental services may refuse to accept or make
21 reimbursement pursuant to an assignment of benefits made to a
22 dentist or oral surgeon by an insured, subscriber or enrollee. As used
23 in this section, "assignment of benefits" means the transfer of dental
24 care coverage reimbursement benefits or other rights under an
25 insurance policy, subscription contract or dental services plan by an
26 insured, subscriber or enrollee to a dentist or oral surgeon.

27 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

Statement of Purpose:

To require health insurers to honor an assignment of benefits made by an insured, subscriber or enrollee to a dentist or oral surgeon.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]