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1 AN ACT Relating to participation of denturists in preferred
2 provider networks; and amending RCW 48.20.418, 48.21.148, 48.44.500,
3 and 48.46.570.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 48.20.418 and 1995 c 1 s 21 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 Notwithstanding any provision of any disability insurance contract
8 covering dental care as provided for in this chapter, effective January
9 1, 1995, benefits shall not be denied thereunder for any service
10 performed by a denturist licensed under chapter 18.30 RCW if (1) the
11 service performed was within the lawful scope of such person's license,
12 and (2) such contract would have provided benefits if such service had
13 been performed by a dentist licensed under chapter 18.32 RCW. An
14 insurer shall allow a denturist to participate in any preferred
15 provider network to the same extent, and under the same terms and
16 conditions, as a dentist.

17 **Sec. 2.** RCW 48.21.148 and 1995 c 1 s 22 are each amended to read
18 as follows:

1 Notwithstanding any provision of any group disability insurance
2 contract or blanket disability insurance contract covering dental care
3 as provided for in this chapter, effective January 1, 1995, benefits
4 shall not be denied thereunder for any service performed by a denturist
5 licensed under chapter 18.30 RCW if (1) the service performed was
6 within the lawful scope of such person's license, and (2) such contract
7 would have provided benefits if such service had been performed by a
8 dentist licensed under chapter 18.32 RCW. An insurer shall allow a
9 denturist to participate in any preferred provider network to the same
10 extent, and under the same terms and conditions, as a dentist.

11 **Sec. 3.** RCW 48.44.500 and 1995 c 1 s 24 are each amended to read
12 as follows:

13 Notwithstanding any provision of any health care service contract
14 covering dental care as provided for in this chapter, effective January
15 1, 1995, benefits shall not be denied thereunder for any service
16 performed by a denturist licensed under chapter 18.30 RCW if (1) the
17 service performed was within the lawful scope of such person's license,
18 and (2) such contract would have provided benefits if such service had
19 been performed by a dentist licensed under chapter 18.32 RCW. A health
20 care service contractor shall allow a denturist to participate in any
21 preferred provider network to the same extent, and under the same terms
22 and conditions, as a dentist.

23 **Sec. 4.** RCW 48.46.570 and 1995 c 1 s 25 are each amended to read
24 as follows:

25 Notwithstanding any provision of any health maintenance
26 organization agreement covering dental care as provided for in this
27 chapter, effective January 1, 1995, benefits shall not be denied
28 thereunder for any service performed by a denturist licensed under
29 chapter 18.30 RCW if (1) the service performed was within the lawful
30 scope of such person's license, and (2) such agreement would have
31 provided benefits if such service had been performed by a dentist
32 licensed under chapter 18.32 RCW. A health maintenance organization
33 shall allow a denturist to participate in any preferred provider
34 network to the same extent, and under the same terms and conditions, as

1 a dentist.

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