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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 (1) Notwithstanding any provision of any health care service
14 contract covering dental care as provided for in this chapter,
15 effective January 1, 1995, benefits shall not be denied thereunder for
16 any service performed by a denturist licensed under chapter 18.30 RCW
17 if (~~((1))~~) (a) the service performed was within the lawful scope of
18 such person's license, and (~~((2))~~) (b) such contract would have
19 provided benefits if such service had been performed by a dentist
20 licensed under chapter 18.32 RCW.

21 (2) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, a health
22 care service contractor shall allow a denturist to participate in any
23 preferred provider network to the same extent, and under the same terms
24 and conditions, as a dentist.

25 (3) Subsection (2) of this section does not apply to a health care
26 service contractor that employs one or more denturists and contracts
27 with a group dental practice on a reciprocal exclusive basis.

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

30 (1) Notwithstanding any provision of any health maintenance
31 organization agreement covering dental care as provided for in this
32 chapter, effective January 1, 1995, benefits shall not be denied
33 thereunder for any service performed by a denturist licensed under
34 chapter 18.30 RCW if (~~((1))~~) (a) the service performed was within the
35 lawful scope of such person's license, and (~~((2))~~) (b) such agreement

1 would have provided benefits if such service had been performed by a
2 dentist licensed under chapter 18.32 RCW.

3 (2) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, a health
4 maintenance organization shall allow a denturist to participate in any
5 preferred provider network to the same extent, and under the same terms
6 and conditions, as a dentist.

7 (3) Subsection (2) of this section does not apply to a health
8 maintenance organization that employs one or more denturists and
9 contracts with a group dental practice on a reciprocal exclusive basis.

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