

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 6427

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As of February 1, 2010

**Title:** An act relating to fees for dental services that are not covered services under dental insurance or dental health care service contracts.

**Brief Description:** Concerning fees for dental services that are not covered by insurance or contract.

**Sponsors:** Senators Hobbs, Keiser, Pridemore and Berkey.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Health & Long-Term Care: 2/03/10.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & LONG-TERM CARE

**Staff:** Mich'l Needham (786-7442)

**Background:** Washington Dental Services notified participating dentists that it was planning to change provider contract provisions to allow it to limit fees charged by contracted dentists for dental services that are not covered by the insurer's dental plans.

**Summary of Bill:** Disability insurers and health care service contractors are prohibited from requiring a contracting dentist to provide services to a subscriber at a fee set by, or subject to, the approval of the insurer unless the dental services are covered services under the applicable contract.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

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