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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1683**

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**By** House Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Barnard, Macri, Harris, Walen, Caldier, Gregerson, Christian, and Riccelli)

READ FIRST TIME 02/14/23.

1 AN ACT Relating to health carriers offering dental only coverage;  
2 and adding a new section to chapter 48.43 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 48.43  
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) Every health carrier offering dental only coverage and every  
7 health carrier offering dental coverage included with the health plan  
8 delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed by a health carrier on and  
9 after January 1, 2024, shall permit denturists licensed under chapter  
10 18.30 RCW to provide dental services or care included in their  
11 benefits package, to the extent that:

12 (a) The provision of such dental services or care is within the  
13 health care providers' permitted scope of practice; and

14 (b) The providers agree to abide by standards related to:

15 (i) Provision, utilization review, and cost containment of dental  
16 services;

17 (ii) Management and administrative procedures; and

18 (iii) Provision of cost-effective and clinically efficacious  
19 dental services.

20 (2) The requirements of subsection (1) of this section do not  
21 apply to a licensed health care profession regulated under Title 18

1 RCW when the licensing statute for the profession states that such  
2 requirements do not apply.

3 (3) For purposes of this section, "health carrier" means health  
4 care service contractors, limited health care service contractors,  
5 and disability insurers offering dental only coverage.

6 (4) This act does not apply to a plan that offers dental only  
7 coverage when the plan relies solely on employees of the health  
8 carrier for provision of the benefits.

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