DIGEST

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SB 73 Reengrossed   2019 Regular Session   Long

Proposed law defines "credit card payment" as a type of electronic funds transfer in which a dental plan or its contracted vendor issues a single-use series of numbers chargeable for a predetermined dollar amount associated with the payment for dental healthcare services.

Proposed law defines "electronic funds transfer" as an electronic funds transfer through the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act standard automated clearinghouse network.

Proposed law prohibits a dental plan that is delivered, renewed, issued for delivery, or otherwise contracted for in this state from limiting the method of payment used by the dental plan to pay a claim for dental healthcare services provided by a dentist to only credit card payments.

Proposed law requires a dental plan which initiates or changes payments to a dentist using electronic funds transfer payments or credit card payments to do both of the following:

(1)   Notify the dentist if any fees are associated with a particular payment method.

(2)   Advise the dentist of all available methods of payment and provide clear instructions to the dentist as to how to select an alternative payment method.

Proposed law prohibits the waiver by contract of proposed law.

Effective August 1, 2019.

(Amends R.S. 22:1157(A); Adds R.S. 22:1157(D))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

        Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

        1.   Clarifies credit card payments are a separate payment method and not a form of electronic funds transfers.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

    The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Insurance to the reengrossed bill:

    1.   Make technical changes.