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<u>Proposed law</u> 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 of dental healthcare services.

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

<u>Proposed law</u> restricts a dental plan that is delivered, renewed, issued for delivery, or otherwise contracted for from limiting methods of payment from the dental plan to the dentist to credit card payments.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires a dental plan which initiates or changes payments to a dentist using electronic funds transfer payments or credit card payments to:

- (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.

<u>Proposed law</u> prohibits the waiver by contract of <u>proposed law</u>.

Effective August 1, 2019.

SB 73 Reengrossed

(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.