

SENATE BILL NO. 192

BY SENATOR FOIL

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact the introductory paragraph of R.S. 22:1157(D)(2) and to enact R.S.  
3 22:1157(A)(6) and (D)(2)(c) and (4), relative to the method of dental reimbursement  
4 or payments; to provide for definitions; to provide for payment of dental insurance  
5 claims to a provider; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and  
6 to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. The introductory paragraph of R.S. 22:1157(D)(2) is hereby amended and  
9 reenacted and R.S. 22:1157(A)(6) and (D)(2)(c) and (4) are hereby enacted to read as  
10 follows:

11 §1157. Dental reimbursement or payments

12 A. As used in this Section, the following definitions shall apply:

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14 **(6) "Express acceptance" means a clear and direct agreement to a**  
15 **selected payment method, signifying acceptance of the payment method without**  
16 **any ambiguity or implied actions. Express acceptance may be given**  
17 **electronically, and can include an electronic or digital signature or by checking**  
18 **a box indicating express acceptance and acceptance of a selected payment**  
19 **method.**

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21 D.(1) \* \* \*

22 (2) If initiating or changing payments to a dentist using electronic funds  
23 transfers or credit card payments, a dental plan shall do ~~both~~ **all** of the following:

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25 **(c) Obtain from the provider or a designee of the provider an election,**  
26 **through express acceptance, to accept a payment of the claim using the credit**  
27 **card or electronic funds transfer payment methodology.**

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**(4) Violation of the express acceptance required as provided in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection nullifies any election on claim payment methodology until such time as a new express agreement is executed.**

Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall become operative on January 1, 2027, and apply to any policy, contract, program, or dental coverage plan issued, amended, or renewed on or after January 1, 2027. Any policy, contract, or dental coverage plan in effect prior to January 1, 2027, shall convert to conform to the provisions of this Act no later than January 1, 2028.

Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor, or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_