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NCOIL Health Insurance and Long-Term Care Issues Committee members:

It is with the goal of improving the value and effectiveness of dental coverage in America that our organizations, representing various dental disciplines, urge you to support the Dental Care Bill of Rights Model Act to be introduced at NCOIL's Spring Meeting March 5-8. We are confident that its adoption would be a step forward in maximizing the coverage available to patients through their dental plans.

Patients and their providers deserve dental coverage that puts patients first, removes financial and coverage uncertainties, and prohibits practices that make understanding or using coverage harder for the average person. All the provisions included in the Model Act establish greater transparency and consumer protections in dental plans. We support the tenets of the proposal before the committee, which have all garnered attention in statehouses around the country. For patients, these reforms will keep them more informed about the dental coverage they have, and aid them in achieving oral health by maximizing the impact of their dental benefits.

We appreciate your consideration of the positive impact the Dental Care Bill of Rights Model Act can have on access to dental care for those fortunate enough to have coverage. Please direct any questions you have to Mr. Chad Olson, department of State Government Affairs, at the American Dental Association (olsonc@ada.org).

Sincerely,

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American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons
American Association for Women Dentists
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