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Representatives Keiser and Ferguson:

Subject: Transparency in Dental Benefits Contracting model act

Our organizations write to offer our continued full support of the **Transparency in Dental Benefits Contracting model act** and urge all members of the Health Insurance and Long Term Care Issues committee to vote to approve the model act at the meeting on December 10.

Because of the pandemic, dental care delivery has been unpredictable for patients. Now is the time to ensure patients' health care is maximized. Dental insurance is an important part of care delivery, and ensuring it is utilized to the fullest requires the clarity called for in transparency reforms trending in states.

As we have noted before, the model addresses three critical issues that statehouses around the country have already considered or will be considering in the near future: freedom in network leasing, prior authorization, and virtual credit card payment. The model language on these three issues offers a balanced approach, empowering all three stakeholders in the dental transaction – patients, dentists, and insurance carriers – in a way that supports access to care and needed clarity in how dental benefits are paid.

We applaud your efforts in support of this model. If you have questions, please contact Chad Olson at olsonc@ada.org.

Sincerely,

American Dental Association
American Academy of General Dentistry
American Academy of Dental Group Practice
American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology
American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology
American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry
American Academy of Periodontology

American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons
American Association of Women Dentists
American Dental Education Association
American Student Dental Association

Cc: Assemblymember Pamela Hunter, chair, Health Insurance and Long Term Care Issues
committee