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Senate Bill 1106 (Substitute S-1 as reported)
Sponsor: Senator Jeff Irwin
Committee: Finance, Insurance, and Consumer Protection

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Insurance Code to require a health plan or nonprofit dental care organization that provided dental benefits to have at least one method of payment or reimbursement that provided the dentist with 100% of the amount payable and did not include a fee for the payment or reimbursement. The bill would not apply to a fee imposed by the dentist's financial institution.

If the dentist opted out of a method of payment described above, the decision would remain in effect until the dentist opted back into the prior payment plan or a new plan contract was executed.

BRIEF RATIONALE

According to testimony, when seeking payment from insurance carriers, some dentists are getting paid with a financial instrument that would cause them to incur costs in order to access the funds used as their payment, such as a prepaid credit card with a processing fee. Some believe that insurance carriers should pay dentists in a way that doesn't incur an extra cost, and so the bill has been suggested.

Proposed MCL 500.3406kk

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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