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AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 83-51-31, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REMOVE THE REPEALER ON THE SECTION WHICH PROVIDES PROHIBITIONS AGAINST CERTAIN PROVISIONS IN CONTRACTS BETWEEN HEALTH CARE ENTITIES AND DENTISTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

SECTION 1. Section 83-51-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

83-51-31. * * * No contract between a health care entity that offers a dental plan or plans and a dentist for the provision of services to subscribers may require that a dentist provide services to his subscribers at a fee set by the health care entity unless the services are covered services under the applicable subscriber agreement. For the purposes of this section, "covered services" means services that are reimbursable under the applicable subscriber agreement, notwithstanding any deductibles, waiting periods or frequency limitations that may apply. For the purposes of this section, "dental plan" means any policy of insurance that is issued by a health care entity that provides for coverage of dental services not in connection with a medical plan. * * *

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2012.

PASSED BY THE SENATE
March 7, 2012

Tate Reeves

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
March 26, 2012

Philip Gunn

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR

Phil Bryant

GOVERNOR

6:15 pm