

REFERENCE TITLE: dental care coverage; anesthesia required

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## HB 2497

Introduced by  
Representative Burns J

### AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 20, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 3, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 20-826.04; AMENDING TITLE 20, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 9, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 20-1057.11; AMENDING TITLE 20, CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE 4, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 20-1342.06; AMENDING TITLE 20, CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE 5, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTIONS 20-1402.03 AND 20-1404.03; AMENDING TITLE 20, CHAPTER 13, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 20-2333; RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 20, chapter 4, article 3, Arizona Revised Statutes,  
3 is amended by adding section 20-826.04, to read:

4 20-826.04. Subscription contracts; dental care coverage;  
5 definition

6 A. ANY SUBSCRIPTION CONTRACT THAT PROVIDES FAMILY COVERAGE SHALL COVER  
7 ANESTHESIA AND HOSPITAL CHARGES FOR DENTAL CARE THAT IS PROVIDED TO A COVERED  
8 PERSON WHO IS UNDER THIRTEEN YEARS OF AGE, IS MODERATELY TO SEVERELY  
9 DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED OR HAS A MEDICAL CONDITION THAT REQUIRES  
10 HOSPITALIZATION OR GENERAL ANESTHESIA FOR DENTAL CARE. THE CORPORATION MAY  
11 REQUIRE PRIOR AUTHORIZATION OF HOSPITALIZATION FOR DENTAL CARE PROCEDURES IN  
12 THE SAME MANNER THAT PRIOR AUTHORIZATION IS REQUIRED FOR HOSPITALIZATION FOR  
13 OTHER COVERED DISEASES OR CONDITIONS. THE CONTRACT SHALL ALSO PROVIDE  
14 COVERAGE FOR GENERAL ANESTHESIA FOR DENTAL TREATMENT DESCRIBED IN THIS  
15 SECTION, WHETHER THE SERVICES ARE PROVIDED IN A HOSPITAL OR SURGERY CENTER.

16 B. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "DENTAL TREATMENT" INCLUDES  
17 DENTAL CARE THAT IS NECESSARY FOR CONTROLLING OR ELIMINATING ORAL INFECTION,  
18 PAIN OR DISEASE OR TO RESTORE FUNCTION.

19 Sec. 2. Title 20, chapter 4, article 9, Arizona Revised Statutes, is  
20 amended by adding section 20-1057.11, to read:

21 20-1057.11. Health care services organizations; dental care  
22 coverage; definition

23 A. EACH HEALTH CARE SERVICES ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDES FAMILY  
24 COVERAGE SHALL COVER ANESTHESIA AND HOSPITAL CHARGES FOR DENTAL CARE THAT IS  
25 PROVIDED TO A COVERED PERSON WHO IS UNDER THIRTEEN YEARS OF AGE, IS  
26 MODERATELY TO SEVERELY DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED OR HAS A MEDICAL CONDITION  
27 THAT REQUIRES HOSPITALIZATION OR GENERAL ANESTHESIA FOR DENTAL CARE. THE  
28 HEALTH CARE SERVICES ORGANIZATION MAY REQUIRE PRIOR AUTHORIZATION OF  
29 HOSPITALIZATION FOR DENTAL CARE PROCEDURES IN THE SAME MANNER THAT PRIOR  
30 AUTHORIZATION IS REQUIRED FOR HOSPITALIZATION FOR OTHER COVERED DISEASES OR  
31 CONDITIONS. THE EVIDENCE OF COVERAGE SHALL ALSO PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR GENERAL  
32 ANESTHESIA FOR DENTAL TREATMENT DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION, WHETHER THE  
33 SERVICES ARE PROVIDED IN A HOSPITAL OR SURGERY CENTER.

34 B. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "DENTAL TREATMENT" INCLUDES  
35 DENTAL CARE THAT IS NECESSARY FOR CONTROLLING OR ELIMINATING ORAL INFECTION,  
36 PAIN OR DISEASE OR TO RESTORE FUNCTION.

37 Sec. 3. Title 20, chapter 6, article 4, Arizona Revised Statutes, is  
38 amended by adding section 20-1342.06, to read:

39 20-1342.06. Disability insurers; dental care coverage;  
40 definition

41 A. A DISABILITY INSURER THAT PROVIDES FAMILY COVERAGE SHALL COVER  
42 ANESTHESIA AND HOSPITAL CHARGES FOR DENTAL CARE THAT IS PROVIDED TO A COVERED  
43 PERSON WHO IS UNDER THIRTEEN YEARS OF AGE, IS MODERATELY TO SEVERELY  
44 DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED OR HAS A MEDICAL CONDITION THAT REQUIRES  
45 HOSPITALIZATION OR GENERAL ANESTHESIA FOR DENTAL CARE. THE INSURER MAY

1 REQUIRE PRIOR AUTHORIZATION OF HOSPITALIZATION FOR DENTAL CARE PROCEDURES IN  
2 THE SAME MANNER THAT PRIOR AUTHORIZATION IS REQUIRED FOR HOSPITALIZATION FOR  
3 OTHER COVERED DISEASES OR CONDITIONS. THE POLICY SHALL ALSO PROVIDE COVERAGE  
4 FOR GENERAL ANESTHESIA FOR DENTAL TREATMENT DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION,  
5 WHETHER THE SERVICES ARE PROVIDED IN A HOSPITAL OR SURGERY CENTER.

6 B. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "DENTAL TREATMENT" INCLUDES  
7 DENTAL CARE THAT IS NECESSARY FOR CONTROLLING OR ELIMINATING ORAL INFECTION,  
8 PAIN OR DISEASE OR TO RESTORE FUNCTION.

9 Sec. 4. Title 20, chapter 6, article 5, Arizona Revised Statutes, is  
10 amended by adding sections 20-1402.03 and 20-1404.03, to read:

11 20-1402.03. Group disability insurers; dental care coverage;  
12 definition

13 A. A GROUP DISABILITY INSURER THAT PROVIDES FAMILY COVERAGE SHALL  
14 COVER ANESTHESIA AND HOSPITAL CHARGES FOR DENTAL CARE THAT IS PROVIDED TO A  
15 COVERED PERSON WHO IS UNDER THIRTEEN YEARS OF AGE, IS MODERATELY TO SEVERELY  
16 DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED OR HAS A MEDICAL CONDITION THAT REQUIRES  
17 HOSPITALIZATION OR GENERAL ANESTHESIA FOR DENTAL CARE. THE INSURER MAY  
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19 THE SAME MANNER THAT PRIOR AUTHORIZATION IS REQUIRED FOR HOSPITALIZATION FOR  
20 OTHER COVERED DISEASES OR CONDITIONS. THE POLICY SHALL ALSO PROVIDE COVERAGE  
21 FOR GENERAL ANESTHESIA FOR DENTAL TREATMENT DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION,  
22 WHETHER THE SERVICES ARE PROVIDED IN A HOSPITAL OR SURGERY CENTER.

23 B. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "DENTAL TREATMENT" INCLUDES  
24 DENTAL CARE THAT IS NECESSARY FOR CONTROLLING OR ELIMINATING ORAL INFECTION,  
25 PAIN OR DISEASE OR TO RESTORE FUNCTION.

26 20-1404.03. Blanket disability insurers; dental care coverage;  
27 definition

28 A. A BLANKET DISABILITY INSURER THAT PROVIDES FAMILY COVERAGE SHALL  
29 COVER ANESTHESIA AND HOSPITAL CHARGES FOR DENTAL CARE THAT IS PROVIDED TO A  
30 COVERED PERSON WHO IS UNDER THIRTEEN YEARS OF AGE, IS MODERATELY TO SEVERELY  
31 DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED OR HAS A MEDICAL CONDITION THAT REQUIRES  
32 HOSPITALIZATION OR GENERAL ANESTHESIA FOR DENTAL CARE. THE INSURER MAY  
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34 THE SAME MANNER THAT PRIOR AUTHORIZATION IS REQUIRED FOR HOSPITALIZATION FOR  
35 OTHER COVERED DISEASES OR CONDITIONS. THE POLICY SHALL ALSO PROVIDE COVERAGE  
36 FOR GENERAL ANESTHESIA FOR DENTAL TREATMENT DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION,  
37 WHETHER THE SERVICES ARE PROVIDED IN A HOSPITAL OR SURGERY CENTER.

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