

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to dentistry; amending s.  
3           627.419, F.S.; providing for appeals from  
4           certain adverse determinations relating to  
5           dental service claims; amending s. 456.031,  
6           F.S.; providing an alternative by which  
7           licensees under ch. 466, F.S., may comply with  
8           a general requirement that they take  
9           domestic-violence education courses; amending  
10          s. 456.033, F.S.; providing an alternative by  
11          which such licensees may comply with a general  
12          requirement that they take AIDS/HIV education  
13          courses; providing an effective date.

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15 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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17           Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 456.031, Florida  
18 Statutes, is amended to read:

19           456.031 Requirement for instruction on domestic  
20 violence.--

21           (3)

22           (a) In lieu of completing a course as required in  
23 subsection (1), a licensee or certificateholder may complete a  
24 course in end-of-life care and palliative health care, if the  
25 licensee or certificateholder has completed an approved  
26 domestic violence course in the immediately preceding  
27 biennium.

28           (b) In lieu of completing a course as required by  
29 subsection (1), a person licensed under chapter 466, who has  
30 completed an approved domestic-violence education course in  
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1 the immediately preceding 2 years may complete a course  
2 approved by the Board of Dentistry.

3 Section 2. Subsection (9) of section 456.033, Florida  
4 Statutes, is amended to read:

5 456.033 Requirement for instruction for certain  
6 licensees on human immunodeficiency virus and acquired immune  
7 deficiency syndrome.--

8 (9)(a) In lieu of completing a course as required in  
9 subsection (1), the licensee may complete a course in  
10 end-of-life care and palliative health care, so long as the  
11 licensee completed an approved AIDS/HIV course in the  
12 immediately preceding biennium.

13 (b) In lieu of completing a course as required by  
14 subsection (1), a person licensed under chapter 466 who has  
15 completed an approved AIDS/HIV course in the immediately  
16 preceding 2 years may complete a course approved by the Board  
17 of Dentistry.

18 Section 3. Subsection (9) is added to section 627.419,  
19 Florida Statutes, to read:

20 627.419 Construction of policies.--

21 (9) With respect to any group or individual insurer  
22 covering dental services, each claimant, or dentist acting for  
23 a claimant, who has had a claim denied as not medically or  
24 dentally necessary or who has had a claim payment based on an  
25 alternate dental service in accordance with accepted dental  
26 standards for adequate and appropriate care must be provided  
27 an opportunity for an appeal to the insurer's licensed dentist  
28 who is responsible for the medical necessity reviews under the  
29 plan or is a member of the plan's peer review group. The  
30 appeal may be by telephone, and the insurer's dentist must

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1 respond within a reasonable time, not to exceed 15 business  
2 days.

3           Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001,  
4 and section 3 of this act, amending section 627.419, Florida  
5 Statutes, shall apply to policies issued or renewed after that  
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