

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

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

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16           Section 1. Subsection (9) is added to section 627.419,  
17 Florida Statutes, to read:

18           627.419 Construction of policies.--

19           (9) With respect to any group or individual insurer  
20 covering dental services, each claimant, or dentist acting for  
21 a claimant, who has had a claim denied as not medically or  
22 dentally necessary or who has had a claim payment based on an  
23 alternate dental service in accordance with accepted dental  
24 standards for adequate and appropriate care must be provided  
25 an opportunity for an appeal to the insurer's licensed dentist  
26 who is responsible for the medical necessity reviews under the  
27 plan or is a member of the plan's peer review group. The  
28 appeal may be by telephone, and the insurer's dentist must  
29 respond within a reasonable time, not to exceed 15 business  
30 days.

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1           Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 456.031, Florida  
2 Statutes, is amended to read:

3           456.031 Requirement for instruction on domestic  
4 violence.--

5           (3)(a) In lieu of completing a course as required in  
6 subsection (1), a licensee or certificateholder may complete a  
7 course in end-of-life care and palliative health care, if the  
8 licensee or certificateholder has completed an approved  
9 domestic violence course in the immediately preceding  
10 biennium.

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

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

18           456.033 Requirement for instruction for certain  
19 licensees on human immunodeficiency virus and acquired immune  
20 deficiency syndrome.--

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

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

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1           Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001,  
2 and shall apply to policies issued or renewed after that date.  
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