

The Florida Senate  
**HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY**

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BILL: CS/CS/CS/SB 892, 1<sup>st</sup> Eng.

INTRODUCER: Fiscal Policy Committee; Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Banking and Insurance; and Senator Harrell

SUBJECT: Dental Insurance Claims

DATE: March 6, 2024

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**I. Amendments Contained in Message:**

**House Amendment – 018011**

**II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:**

**House Amendment – 018011** revises the method by which a health insurer, prepaid limited health services organization (PLHSO), or health maintenance organization (HMO) must use to obtain prior consent from a dentist for providing claims payment through electronic funds transfer. The bill provides that the dentist’s consent may be given through an e-mail that bears the electronic or digital signature of the dentist. As an alternative, express consent can be provided by checking a box indicating consent. The amendment removes the requirement that the health insurer, PLHSO or HMO must obtain written consent before employing the electronic funds transfer. Instead, the amendment requires the health insurer, PLHSO or HMO to obtain consent before employing electronic funds transfer.