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S.P. 260

In Senate, January 28, 1999

An Act Regarding the Assignment of Insurance Benefits for Dental Care.

Reference to the Committee on Banking and Insurance suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator ABROMSON of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senator MURRAY of Penobscot, Representatives: BROOKS of Winterport,
JONES of Pittsfield, LINDAHL of Northport, SAXL of Portland.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

2 **Sec. 1. 24 MRSA §2332-H**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 604, Pt.
4 E, §1, is amended to read:

6 **§2332-H. Assignment of benefits**

8 All contracts providing benefits for medical or dental care
10 on an expense-incurred basis must contain a provision permitting
12 the insured to assign benefits for such care to the provider of
14 the care. An assignment of benefits under this section does not
16 affect or limit the payment of benefits otherwise payable under
18 the contract.

20 **Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §2755**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 604, Pt.
22 E, §2, is amended to read:

24 **§2755. Assignment of benefits**

26 All policies providing benefits for medical or dental care
28 on an expense-incurred basis must contain a provision permitting
30 the insured to assign benefits for such care to the provider of
32 the care. An assignment of benefits under this section does not
34 affect or limit the payment of benefits otherwise payable under
36 the policy.

38 **Sec. 3. 24-A MRSA §2827-A**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 604,
40 Pt. E, §3, is amended to read:

42 **§2827-A. Assignment of benefits**

44 All policies and certificates providing benefits for medical
46 or dental care on an expense-incurred basis must contain a
48 provision permitting the insured to assign benefits for such care
to the provider of the care. An assignment of benefits under this
section does not affect or limit the payment of benefits
otherwise payable under the policy or certificate.

50 **Sec. 4. 24-A MRSA §4207-A, sub-§5-A**, as enacted by PL 1997, c.
604, Pt. E, §4, is amended to read:

52 **5-A. Assignment of benefits.** All point-of-service
54 contracts and certificates must contain a provision permitting
56 the insured to assign any benefits provided for medical or dental
58 care on an expense-incurred basis to the provider of the care. An
assignment of benefits under this subsection does not affect or
limit the payment of benefits otherwise payable under the
contract or certificate.

SUMMARY

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4 This bill provides that certain insurance policies providing
benefits for dental care on an expense-incurred basis must
6 contain a provision permitting the insured to assign benefits for
such care to the provider of the care.