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SENATE BILL 615*

Short Title: Dental Benefits/Health Choice.

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Sponsors: Senators Purcell, Rucho, Forrester; Albertson, Carter, Clodfelter, Gulley, Lucas, Metcalf, Miller, and Phillips.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

March 29, 1999

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT ADDITIONAL DENTAL BENEFITS BE PROVIDED
UNDER THE HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 108A-70.21(b)(1) reads as rewritten:

"(1) Dental: Oral examinations, teeth cleaning, and scaling twice during a 12-month period, full mouth X rays once every 60 months, supplemental bitewing X rays showing the back of the teeth once during a 12-month period, fluoride applications ~~one~~ twice during a 12-month period, sealants for an unlimited number of teeth, simple extractions, therapeutic pulpotomies excluding final restorations, prefabricated stainless steel crowns, and routine fillings of amalgam or other tooth-colored filling material to restore diseased teeth. No benefits are to be provided for services under this subsection that are not performed by or upon the direction of a dentist, doctor, or other professional provider approved by the Plan nor for services and materials that do not meet the standards accepted by the American Dental Association."

Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1999.