



# HOUSE BILL 646: Dental Care Act.

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**OVERVIEW:** *House Bill 646 amends insurance statutes to require coverage for dental procedures resulting from cancer treatment.*

**BILL ANALYSIS:** House Bill 646 requires every health benefit plan offered by an insurer in this State to provide coverage for medically necessary dental procedures that are the direct result of cancer treatments, including chemotherapy, biotherapy, or radiation therapy. The coverage must include evaluations and examinations, laboratory assessments, medications, and treatments associated with the medically necessary dental procedures resulting from cancer treatment.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The bill would become effective October 1, 2021, and apply to insurance contracts issued, renewed, or amended on or after that date.

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