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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would prohibit a health insurance  
9 entity from establishing a quality rating system  
10 for dentists using cost of services.

11 This bill would establish criteria for a  
12 quality rating system.

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14 A BILL  
15 TO BE ENTITLED  
16 AN ACT

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18 To prohibit a health insurance entity from  
19 establishing a quality rating system for dentists using cost  
20 of services; and to establish criteria for a quality rating  
21 system.

22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

23 Section 1. (a) For the purposes of this section, a  
24 "health insurance entity" means any entity providing coverage  
25 for dental services that is required to be licensed by the  
26 Department of Insurance or that is organized pursuant to

1 Article 6 of Chapter 20 of Title 10A of the Code of Alabama  
2 1975.

3 (b) A health insurance entity is prohibited from  
4 establishing a quality rating system for dentists using cost  
5 of services.

6 (c) A quality rating system shall be based only on  
7 data that is verified for accuracy, made transparent, fair,  
8 and accessible to dentists and consumers, and disclosed to the  
9 public.

10 (d) Fair data shall be derived from nationally  
11 recognized evidence-based or consensus-based clinical  
12 recommendations or guidelines, including characteristics of  
13 the patient population of a dentist, and shall be supported by  
14 sufficient dental record-based verifications to assure data  
15 accuracy. Characteristics of the patient population of a  
16 dentist shall include, but not be limited to, types of cases,  
17 the severity of the condition of the patients, a comorbidity  
18 present in the patients, and the extent to which patient  
19 compliance is a factor in achieving a quality outcome.

20 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the  
21 first day of the third month following its passage and  
22 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.