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3 By Senator Bussman
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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.