A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 26.1-47 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to preferred provider arrangements with dental service providers; and to provide for application.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 26.1-47 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Fees for dental services - Prohibition.

1. As used in this section, "covered services" means dental care services for which a reimbursement is available under an enrollee's plan or for which a reimbursement would be available but for the application of a deductible, copayment, coinsurance, waiting period, annual or lifetime maximum, or frequency limitation.

2. Except for fees for covered services, a preferred provider arrangement for a dental plan may not directly or indirectly set or otherwise regulate the fees charged by the preferred provider for dental care services.

SECTION 2. APPLICATION. Section 1 of this Act applies to all preferred provider arrangements issued on or after the effective date of this Act.