

SENATE BILL NO. 341—SENATORS SMITH, FORD, SPEARMAN,
PARKS; ATKINSON, DENIS, KIHUEN AND WOODHOUSE

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JOINT SPONSOR: ASSEMBLYWOMAN JOINER

Referred to Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to dentists.
(BDR 57-261)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to dentists; establishing requirements relating to
contracts between dentists and a medical discount plan;
and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Under existing law, a person who wishes to offer, market, sell or engage in
2 business as a medical discount plan in this State must be registered with the
3 Commissioner of Insurance. (NRS 695H.080) This bill requires a medical discount
4 plan that contracts directly with a dentist to: (1) notify the dentist whether the
5 contract may be assigned to a third party; and (2) maintain a toll-free telephone
6 number for the dentist to obtain information about the medical discount plan. This
7 bill allows a contract between a medical discount plan and a dentist to be assigned
8 only if the contract expressly authorizes the assignment of the contract. This bill
9 also requires a medical discount plan to which a contract with a dentist is assigned
10 to provide a notice of inclusion to the dentist and prohibits the medical discount
11 plan from requiring the dentist to perform pursuant to the assigned contract unless
12 such a notice is given.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 **Section 1.** (Deleted by amendment.)
- 2 **Sec. 2.** (Deleted by amendment.)
- 3 **Sec. 3.** (Deleted by amendment.)



1 **Sec. 4.** (Deleted by amendment.)

2 **Sec. 5.** (Deleted by amendment.)

3 **Sec. 6.** (Deleted by amendment.)

4 **Sec. 7.** (Deleted by amendment.)

5 **Sec. 8.** (Deleted by amendment.)

6 **Sec. 9.** (Deleted by amendment.)

7 **Sec. 10.** (Deleted by amendment.)

8 **Sec. 11.** (Deleted by amendment.)

9 **Sec. 12.** Chapter 695H of NRS is hereby amended by adding
10 thereto a new section to read as follows:

11 *1. A medical discount plan that contracts directly with a*
12 *dentist:*

13 *(a) Shall notify the dentist in the contract if the contract may*
14 *be assigned to a third party;*

15 *(b) May assign the contract with the dentist to a third party*
16 *only if the contract expressly authorizes the medical discount plan*
17 *to assign the contract; and*

18 *(c) Shall maintain a toll-free telephone number for the dentist*
19 *to obtain information regarding the medical discount plan.*

20 *2. A medical discount plan to which a contract with a dentist*
21 *is assigned shall issue a written notice of inclusion in the medical*
22 *discount plan to the dentist within 30 days after the assignment of*
23 *the contract. Such a notice must include:*

24 *(a) The approximate number of members in the medical*
25 *discount plan;*

26 *(b) The corporate name of the person offering the medical*
27 *discount plan;*

28 *(c) The location and address of each office for the medical*
29 *discount plan; and*

30 *(d) The telephone number where the dentist may obtain*
31 *information regarding the medical discount plan.*

32 *3. A medical discount plan which fails to provide the notice*
33 *required by subsection 2 to a dentist may not hold the dentist*
34 *responsible for performance pursuant to the assigned contract.*

