

# HB 1124: An Act relative to dental insurance assignment of benefits

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## About the Bill

The bill allows everyone who buys dental insurance to use it to pay for visits and procedures to the dentist they've selected, at the same rate or fee the insurer pays in-network dentists.

## Why We're Supporting

Preventative care should be incentivized and you should be able to choose the dentist you want to provide your care, not just a dentist who happens to be approved by your insurance provider at any given moment;

If you and your family have been seeing a dentist for many years and are getting great care, you should not lose access to that dentist just because your insurance company changed its in-network roster of dentists;

Patients and providers alike often struggle with complex insurance claim procedures and paperwork. Allowing direct assignment of benefits can streamline the administrative process, reducing stress and confusion for both patients and providers;

Allowing patients to assign insurance benefits directly to dental providers can remove financial barriers to accessing necessary dental treatment. Patients won't need to pay upfront and wait for reimbursement, making it easier for them to seek timely care, especially for urgent treatments.