

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1373

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to health and dental insurance; defining term; requiring coverage of temporomandibular joint treatment; specifying terms of coverage; prohibiting insurers from making certain coverage determinations; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6060.6a of Title 36, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. For the purposes of this section, "health benefit plan" means a health benefit plan as defined pursuant to Section 6060.4 of Title 36 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

B. Any health benefit plan or health plan which provides coverage for only dental care that is offered, issued, or renewed in this state on or after the effective date of this act shall provide coverage for diagnostic, therapeutic, and surgical procedures related to the temporomandibular joint (TMJ) and associated musculature and neurological conditions. The coverage provided in

1 this section shall be subject to the same annual deductibles,  
2 copayments, or coinsurance limits as established for all covered  
3 benefits under the respective plan.

4 C. 1. Insurers offering only dental coverage to an insured may  
5 limit benefits in such coverage to dental services related to  
6 treatment of temporomandibular joint disorders.

7 2. No insurer offering medical coverage only may define all  
8 temporomandibular joint disorders as purely dental in nature, and no  
9 insurer offering dental coverage only may define all  
10 temporomandibular joint disorders as purely medical in nature.

11 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

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