

Senate Bill No. 341—Senators Smith, Ford, Spearman,  
Parks; Atkinson, Denis, Kihuen and Woodhouse

Joint Sponsor: Assemblywoman Joiner

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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:**

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

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

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

**Sections 1-11.** (Deleted by amendment.)

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

