

HB 1122: An Act relative to financial services contracts for dental benefits corporations

Sponsored by Rep. Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.



About the Bill

Under current Massachusetts law, dental benefits companies can fix reimbursement fees, even for services that dental benefits companies do not actually reimburse (i.e., tooth whitening, veneers, and/or other cosmetic procedures).

This price cap is unfair, unjustified, and unduly forces dentists to shift costs to private-pay patients who are, disproportionately, young people, seniors, and working families whose employers don't offer dental plans.

Why We're Supporting

This bill protects consumers from unfair practices by increasing transparency and prohibiting dental benefits companies from having patients pad their bottom line through the setting of fees for services they have no intention of covering;

Prohibits dental benefits companies from artificially setting the fees for services they don't actually pay for, which shifts costs to patients least able to bear them;

Protects private-pay patients, MA residents without dental coverage, from having to subsidize the care of patients who do have dental coverage that doesn't cover the real cost of their procedures.