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House Bill 367: Written Testimony (Opposition)
House Insurance Committee
Wednesday, May 23, 2018

Chairman Brinkman, Vice Chair Henne, Ranking Member Boccieri and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the 125,000 members of the Ohio Education Association, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in opposition to House Bill 367. HB 367 would prohibit a health insurer from establishing a fee schedule for in-network dental providers for non-covered services. If enacted, this bill would result in higher out-of-pocket costs for many Ohioans, including OEA members.

Discounts on non-covered services are a savings for consumers. According to Delta Dental, the average discount on these services is 15.55%. Among the employers who utilize Dental Dental are over 290 school districts, colleges and universities. Tens of thousands of OEA members as well as their spouses and dependents are covered in these plans. Passage of HB 367 would result in higher costs for teachers, education support professionals and their families.

It should be noted that dentists are not forced to join a provider network. Presumably, they join a network because the benefits of doing so outweigh the drawbacks. OEA believes there is no need for the legislature to intervene in this contractual arrangement.

For the reasons outlined above, OEA urges opposition to HB 367. Please feel free to contact Robert Davis in OEA Government Relations if you have any questions on our position.

