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H.B. 336 135th General Assembly **Bill Analysis**

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SUMMARY

 Prohibits health benefit plans and the Department of Medicaid from denying a claim for dental services solely on the basis of the patient's age.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Prohibition on dental claim age discrimination

The bill prohibits health benefit plans and the Department of Medicaid from denying a claim for dental services based solely on the age of the patient receiving those services. For example, the bill would likely prohibit the Department of Medicaid or a health benefit plan from denying a claim for dental services on the basis that a young child's teeth are temporary, or due to an elderly patient receiving hospice care. Under the bill, those claims must be evaluated as they would for any other patient and cannot be denied solely due to the patient's age.¹

HISTORY

| Action | Date |
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| Introduced | 11-21-23 |
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¹ R.C. 3902.63 and 5164.18; see also "<u>Bill seeks to help Ohio Medicare patients being denied dental care based on age</u>" which may accessed by conducting a keyword "Dental care age" search on the Statehouse News Bureau website: statenews.org.