

§ 1373.13. Discrimination against licensed dentists; Legislative intent

(a) It is the intent of the Legislature that all persons licensed in this state to engage in the practice of dentistry shall be accorded equal professional status and privileges, without regard to the degree earned.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no health care service plan shall discriminate, with respect to the provision of, or contracts for, professional services, against a licensed dentist solely on the basis of the educational degree held by the dentist.

HISTORY:

Added Stats 1991 ch 729 § 2 (AB 1918).

§ 1373.14. Exclusion of victims of progressive, degenerative and de-menting illnesses

Except for a preexisting condition, any health care service plan, except a specialized health care service plan, which provides coverage on a group or individual basis for long-term care facility services or home-based care shall not exclude persons covered by the plan from receiving these benefits, if they are diagnosed as having any significant destruction of brain tissue with

resultant loss of brain function, including, but not limited to, progressive, degenerative, and dementing illnesses, including, but not limited to, Alzheimer's disease, from the coverage offered for long-term care facility services or home-based care.

For purposes of this section, where a particular disease can be determined only with an autopsy, "diagnosed" means clinical diagnosis not dependent on pathological confirmation, but employing nationally accepted criteria.

HISTORY:

Added Stats 1987 ch 1038 § 1. Amended Stats
1988 ch 1049 § 1.