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HOUSE BILL 646
Committee Substitute Favorable 5/6/21

Short Title: Dental Care Act.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 26, 2021

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO REQUIRE HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN COVERAGE FOR MEDICALLY
NECESSARY DENTAL PROCEDURES THAT ARE A RESULT OF CANCER
TREATMENT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Article 3 of Chapter 58 of the General Statutes is amended by adding
a new section to read:

"§ 58-3-281. Coverage for dental procedures resulting from cancer treatment.

(a) Every health benefit plan offered by an insurer in this State shall provide coverage for
medically necessary dental procedures that are the direct result of cancer treatments, including
chemotherapy, biotherapy, or radiation therapy.

(b) The coverage required under this section shall include evaluations and examinations,
laboratory assessments, medications, and treatments associated with the medically necessary
dental procedures resulting from cancer treatment."

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective October 1, 2021, and applies to insurance
contracts issued, renewed, or amended on or after that date.

