

By Mr. Harrison of Gloucester, petition of the Massachusetts Dental Service Corporation relative to the method of determining fees of participating dentists under the dental service corporation law. Insurance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Eight.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE METHOD OF DETERMINING FEES IN PARTICIPATING DENTISTS UNDER THE DENTAL SERVICE CORPORATION LAW.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section 4 of chapter 176E of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by striking out the first paragraph and inserting in
3 place thereof the following paragraph:—

4 Any dental service corporation may enter into contracts with
5 its subscribers and with participating dentists, for such dental
6 and surgical services as may lawfully be rendered by them to
7 the subscribers and to their dependents, and may pay for such
8 services. The form of the agreement with participating den-
9 tists shall at all times be subject to the written approval of
10 the commissioner. The fees to be paid to participating dentists
11 for their services to the subscribers or to insured dependents,
12 or the method of determining such fees, shall at all times be sub-
13 ject to a public hearing as provided by section two of chapter
14 thirty A and to the written approval of the commissioner.
15 Such fees shall not be equal to or higher than the fees charged
16 by participating dentists to their average non-subscriber pa-
17 tients; and in consideration of said fees submitted for his
18 approval, he shall give weight to the ease and certainty of
19 collection by the participating dentists of said fees charged
20 subscribers through such corporation. Acquisition costs in
21 connection with the solicitation of subscribers and costs of
22 administration shall at all times be limited to such amounts as
23 the commissioner shall approve.

