

## **Bulletin 94-2**

### **Treatment of reimbursement for covered services to dentists and other licensees**

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SDCL 58-17-54 requires an insurer to reimburse dentists and other licensees who perform covered services provided the service falls within the scope of the licensee's license.

It has come to the attention of the Division of Insurance that claims for various temporomandibular joint disorder treatment performed by a dentist are being denied. However if the same treatment is performed by a medical doctor, the claim is paid.

South Dakota statute prohibits this type of discrimination and the Division of Insurance will proceed with administrative action against any insurer found to be settling claims in this manner.

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