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Introduced by Sen. LARKIN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when
  printed to be committed to the Committee on Insurance -- recommitted
  to the Committee on Insurance in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8
  -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended
  and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the insurance law, in relation to requiring coverage for
  hospitalization and anesthesia services related to the provision of
  dental services

  THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

 1   Section 1. The insurance law is amended by adding a new section 3241
 2 to read as follows:
 3   S 3241. PAYMENT FOR ANESTHESIA AND HOSPITALIZATION RELATED TO DENTAL
 4 SERVICES. ANY POLICY OF HEALTH INSURANCE AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO PARA-
 5 GRAPH THREE OF SUBSECTION (A) OF SECTION ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED THIR-
 6 TEEN OF THIS CHAPTER SHALL COVER ANESTHESIA AND HOSPITAL CHARGES FOR
 7 DENTAL CARE PROVIDED TO A COVERED PERSON WHO: (A) IS UNDER EIGHTEEN
 8 YEARS OF AGE; OR (B) IS SEVERELY DISABLED; OR (C) HAS A MEDICAL CONDI-
 9 TION THAT REQUIRES GENERAL ANESTHESIA OR HOSPITALIZATION FOR THE
10 PROVISION OF DENTAL SERVICES. THE COVERAGE REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION MAY
11 BE MADE SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS THAT APPLY TO OTHER BENEFITS, INCLUDING
12 BUT NOT LIMITED TO DEDUCTIBLES AND COINSURANCE. A HEALTH INSURER MAY
13 REQUIRE PRIOR AUTHORIZATION FOR HOSPITALIZATION FOR DENTAL CARE IN THE
14 SAME MANNER AS WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR OTHER COVERED MEDICAL CONDITIONS.
15 WHEN SERVICES DEFINED IN THIS SECTION ARE PROVIDED BY A DENTIST ACTING
16 WITHIN THE LAWFUL SCOPE OF HIS OR HER LICENSE, BENEFITS SHALL BE
17 PROVIDED AT THE SAME LEVELS AND UNDER THE SAME TERMS WHETHER PROVIDED BY
18 A PHYSICIAN OR DENTIST.
19   S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.