

**CHAPTER 169****(HB 316)**

AN ACT relating to limited health service benefit plans for the provision of dental-only benefits.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF SUBTITLE 17C OF KRS CHAPTER 304 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

*The provisions of KRS 304.17A-700 to 304.17A-730, relating to payment of claims, shall apply to limited health service benefit plans for the provision of dental-only benefits, except as follows:*

- (1) A limited health service plan for the provision of dental-only benefits, its agent, or designee shall have three (3) business days in which to respond to an original or corrected claim submitted electronically under KRS 304.17A-704(1)(a) or, within three (3) business days, the limited health service benefit plan for the provision of dental-only benefits, its agent, or designee may list the claim and the date it was received on a file that can be accessed electronically by the provider, its agent, or designee.*
- (2) Limited health service benefit plans for the provision of dental-only benefits shall be required to submit the reports required by KRS 304.17A-722 on an annual basis.*
- (3) Limited health service benefit plans for the provision of dental-only benefits shall be required to pay interest required under KRS 304.17A-730 for a claim only if the interest calculated on that claim is equal to or greater than five dollars (\$5).*

Section 2. This Act takes effect January 1, 2006.

**Approved March 18, 2005.**