Local Government Mandate Statement
Kentucky Legislative Research Commission
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Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #:	1013	**Bill #:**	HB 210/ HCS 1
Document ID #:	6253	**Sponsor:**	Representative Michael Sarge Pollock
Bill Title:	AN ACT relating to dental health benefits		

Unit of Government: ☒ City ☒ County ☒ Urban-County ☒ Charter County ☒ Consolidated Local ☒ Unified Local

Office(s) Impacted: Insurance

Requirement: ☒ Mandatory ☐ Optional

Effect on Powers & Duties: ☒ Modifies Existing ☐ Adds New ☐ Eliminates Existing

Other Fiscal Statement(s) that may exist: ☐ Actuarial Analysis ☐ Corrections Impact ☐ Health Benefit Mandate ☐ State Employee Health Plan

Part II: Bill Provisions and the Estimated Fiscal Impact Relating to Local Government

HB 210 Section 1 would require that insurers providing dental health insurance honor an assignment of benefits due under the plan, so long as the assignment is in writing by the covered person and on a form to be established by the commissioner. If the covered person has a credit balance on their account with the provider the provider would be required to notify the person within 30 days. The bill would require that payment in compliance with an assignment would be made according to the same criteria and payment schedule as to the original provider. The Act would apply to insurance policies, plans, and contracts issued or renewed after the effective date of the Act.

HB 210 would have minimal negative fiscal impact on local governments as sponsors of health benefit plans. The bill does not require that health benefit plans include coverage for dental services, but simply requires that insurers providing dental service coverage must allow for assignment of benefits payable under the plan. The bill is not expected to materially increase the total cost of health care, health insurance premiums, nor insurer's administrative expenses.

Data Source(s): Kentucky Department of Insurance, Financial Impact Statement for 24 RS HB 589

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