STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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The purpose of this legislation is to clarify, but not change the intent of, the definitions of "covered services," for the purpose of participation contracts between dentists and health benefit plan providers, as currently set forth in sections 41-1849 and 41-3444, Idaho Code. This legislation will bring the language of Idaho's current law, which was enacted in 2010, more nearly into conformity with the language of the Model Act as recommended by the National Council of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL). As of April 17, 2017, the laws of 39 states, including Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Nevada, Colorado, Utah, Wyoming and Montana are in conformity with the intent of the Model Act. Nine states have no law defining covered dental services. Two states (Iowa and Maryland) do not conform to the recommendations of the NCOIL Model Act.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact to state or local government.

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