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### Written Testimony — Interferes with Contractual Relationships and Network Design

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The Honorable Chair and Members House Committee on Health State Capitol

#### Re: H7722 — Written Testimony on Network Design Conce

Dear Chairman Solomon and Members:**rns**

This testimony rebuts the assertion that H7722 improperly interferes with contractual relationships or network design. In Rhode Island's concentrated market, carriers exercise significant market power; the bill simply prevents unilateral fee schedule designations that function as evasion.

#### Key points

- **Market concentration:** With **95% in-network participation**, providers lack meaningful leverage; network terms are effectively carrier-driven.
- **Targeted correction:** The bill prevents carriers from using tiers or labels to shift costs to patients while leaving genuine, mutually agreed upon contracts intact.
- **Transparency over disruption:** Establishing which schedule is standard aligns practice with statutory intent and does not prohibit bona fide value arrangements.

**Conclusion** H7722 restores balance in a market dominated by carrier power and protects patient choice without banning legitimate, transparent contracting. Dentists in RI did not leave the network 21 years ago when the original law was passed. Likewise, it is highly unlikely that they would do so today simply because the intent of the statute has been restored.

Respectfully submitted,

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