1	State of Arkansas	As Engrossed: S3/19/15	
2	90th General Assembly	A Bill	
3	Regular Session, 2015		SENATE BILL 927
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5	By: Senator Teague		
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7	For An Act To Be Entitled		
8	AN ACT TO REGULATE PEDIATRIC DENTAL BENEFITS; TO		
9	CLARIFY REASONABLE ASSURANCE FOR OFF-EXCHANGE		
10	PEDIATRIC DENTAL-ESSENTIAL HEALTH BENEFITS; AND FOR		
11	OTHER PURPOSES.		
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14		Subtitle	
15	TO REGU	JLATE PEDIATRIC DENTAL BENEFITS;	
16	AND TO	CLARIFY REASONABLE ASSURANCE FO	R
17	OFF-EXCHANGE PEDIATRIC DENTAL-ESSENTIAL		
18	HEALTH	BENEFITS.	
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21	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GEN	IERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF A	RKANSAS:
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23	SECTION 1. Arkans	sas Code Title 23, Chapter 99, S	ubchapter 4, is
24	amended to add an additi	ional section to read as follows	<i>:</i>
25	<u>23-99-421. Pediat</u>	ric dental benefits.	
26	(a) As used in th	nis section:	
27	<u>(1) "Exchan</u>	nge" means a health benefit exch	ange that offers
28	health benefits under a	health benefit plan offered by	a healthcare insurer
29	in this state through a	state-based health insurance ex	change or a health
30	insurance exchange opera	ated by the federal government u	nder the Patient
31	Protection and Affordabl	<u>le Care Act, Pub. L. No. 111-148</u>	, and the Health Care
32	and Education Reconcilia	ation Act of 2010, Pub. L. No. 1	11-152 ;
33	<u>(2) "Qualif</u>	fied dental plan" means a limite	d scope dental plan
34	that has a certification	n that the qualified dental plan	meets the criteria
35	for certification under	42 U.S.C. § 18031(d)(2)(B)(ii),	in effect on January
36	<i>1, 2015; and</i>		

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1	(3) "Qualified health plan" means a health benefit plan that		
2	provides healthcare coverage of essential health benefits under 42 U.S.C. §		
3	18021(a), in effect on January 1, 2015.		
4	(b) Beginning January 1, 2016, a qualified health plan offering		
5	healthcare coverage under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act,		
6	Pub. L. No. 111-148, and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of		
7	2010, Pub. L. No. 111-152, satisfies the minimum essential pediatric oral		
8	health benefits under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Pub.		
9	No. 111-148, and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010,		
10	Pub. L. No. 111-152, for health benefit plans offered through an exchange or		
11	outside an exchange that do not include the minimum essential pediatric oral		
12	health benefits if the healthcare insurer has reasonable assurance that the		
13	minimum essential pediatric oral health benefits are otherwise provided to		
14	the purchaser of the health benefit plan.		
15	(c) The healthcare insurer shall be considered to have reasonable		
16	assurance that the minimum essential pediatric oral health benefits are		
17	otherwise provided to the purchaser of the health benefit plan if:		
18	(1) At least one (1) qualified dental plan offers the minimum		
19	essential pediatric oral health benefits that are available to the purchaser		
20	of the health benefit plan; and		
21	(2) A qualified health plan prominently discloses at the time of		
22	purchase on a form approved by the Insurance Commissioner that the qualified		
23	health plan does not provide the minimum essential pediatric oral health		
24	benefits.		
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