

**European Regional Organisation of  
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**No selective contracts of national and private health insurance  
companies for dental treatment**

Health insurance funds and private insurance companies in Europe more and more offer selective contracts to dentists and groups of dentists.

While pretending to liberalize the health care market and to meliorate the quality, selective contract providers just aim to achieve the dentist's savings potentials.

The increasing market power of insurance companies weakens the position of the self dependent and liberally practicing dentists. Dentists, concluding selective contracts will put themselves into massive dependency, whereas dentists, who do not inscribe into selective contracts, will be put out of business successively.

Due to that mercantile alignment of selective contracts, therapy decision makings could be influenced and the dentist's independence becomes jeopardized.

Because patients are obligated to be treated by dentists inscribed into selective contracts, the free choice of doctor is jeopardized.

The European Regional Organisation of the FDI vehemently militates against such selective contracts because they are not in the interest of the patients!

The independent choice of doctor and freedom of treatment must be a basic principle of the self-employed and independently working dentist!