

By Ms. Pollard, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 900) of Sharon M. Pollard, George Bachrach, Steven Angelo and other members of the General Court for legislation to provide for reimbursement by insurance companies and others for services performed by certified nurse midwives. Insurance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-three.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR REIMBURSEMENT BY INSURANCE COMPANIES AND OTHERS FOR SERVICES PERFORMED BY CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIVES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. This act shall apply to every group or indi-
- 2 vidual insurance policy, contract or certificate issued there-
- 3 under, of health or sickness, or accident insurance delivered
- 4 or issued for delivery within the commonwealth, including
- 5 but not limited to policies, contracts, or certificates issued by
- 6 A. Profit or non-profit insurers
- 7 B. Any mutual insurance company
- 8 C. Any stock casualty insurance company
- 9 D. Any professional health service corporation
- 10 E. Any voluntary non-profit health plan.
- 11 F. Any person who sells or issues contracts or certificates,
- 12 which meet the requirements of this act.

1 SECTION 2. Whenever an insurance policy, contract or cer-
2 tificate, or health service reimbursement program provides
3 for reimbursement for any health care service which is with-
4 in the lawful scope of practice for a certified nurse midwife
5 and if such services are reimbursed when rendered by any
6 other duly licensed practitioner, the insured or any other per-
7 son covered by the policy, contract or certificate, or health
8 services reimbursement program shall be entitled to reim-
9 bursement for such service.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall apply to all private and public
2 programs including Medicaid for health services, reimburse-
3 ment including but not limited to any such reimbursement
4 programs operated by the commonwealth.

1 SECTION 4. This act shall apply to all such policies, con-
2 tracts, certificates or programs issued, renewed, modified,
3 altered, amended, or re-issued on or after the effective date
4 of this act.