

By Mr. Edward L. Burke, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 623) of Edward L. Burke, Michael J. Barrett, Argeo Paul Cellucci, Arthur Joseph Lewis, Jr., Paul J. Sheehy, John F. MacGovern and other members of the General Court for legislation to provide for the reimbursement for certified registered nurse anesthetist services. Insurance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT FOR CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETIST SERVICES.

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. There is added to Chapter 175 of the General
2 Laws a new section to read as follows: —

3 Section 108E. Reimbursement for Certified Registered Nurse
4 Anesthetist Services. All individual or group accident and health
5 insurance policies and health service contracts delivered, issued,
6 executed or renewed by an insurer or non-profit health service
7 corporation which provides benefits to individual subscribers and
8 members within the Commonwealth or to all group members
9 having a principal place of employment within the Common-
10 wealth shall provide benefits for health care services rendered by
11 a certified registered nurse anesthetist licensed pursuant to
12 Chapter 112, Section 80B, provided that the following conditions
13 are met: (1) the service rendered is within the scope of the certified
14 registered nurse anesthetist's license; and (2) the policy or contract
15 currently provides benefits for identical services rendered by a
16 provider of health care licensed by the Commonwealth.

1 SECTION 2. Section 10 of Chapter 176A of the General Laws
2 is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph: —

3 Any contract (except contracts providing supplemental
4 coverage to Medicare or other governmental programs) between
5 a subscriber and the corporation under an individual or group
6 hospital service plan delivered or issued or renewed in this
7 Commonwealth shall provide as benefits to all individual
8 subscribers and members within the Commonwealth and to all
9 group members having a principal place of employment within
10 the Commonwealth, for services of a certified registered nurse
11 anesthetist licensed pursuant to Chapter 112, Section 80B,
12 provided that the following conditions are met: (1) the service
13 rendered is within the scope of the certified registered nurse
14 anesthetist's license; and (2) the policy or contract currently
15 provides benefits for identical services rendered by a provider of
16 health care licensed by the Commonwealth.

1 SECTION 3. Chapter 176B of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by adding the following section: —

3 Section 4I. Any subscription certificate under an individual or
4 group medical service agreement delivered or issued or renewed
5 in the Commonwealth shall provide as benefits to all individual
6 subscribers and members within the Commonwealth and to all
7 group members having a principal place of employment within
8 the Commonwealth, for expense for services of a certified
9 registered nurse anesthetist licensed pursuant to Chapter 112,
10 Section 80B, provided that the following conditions are met: (1)
11 the service rendered is within the scope of the certified registered
12 nurse anesthetist's license; and (2) the policy or contract currently
13 provides benefits for identical services rendered by a provider of
14 health care licensed by this Commonwealth.