

By Mr. Aleixo of Taunton, petition of Theodore J. Aleixo, Jr., relative to providing reimbursement of services of certain health care providers. Health Care.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING REIMBURSEMENT OF SERVICES OF CERTAIN HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS.

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. Section 6 of chapter 118E, as most recently
2 amended by section 31 of chapter 283 of the Acts of 1976, is hereby
3 amended by striking the first paragraph and inserting in place
4 thereof the following paragraph: —

5 The department shall provide financial assistance for such medi-
6 cal care or services as said Title XIX and regulations require,
7 including the services of practitioners of professional nursing as
8 professional nursing is defined in the second sentence of the first
9 definition in section eighty B of chapter one hundred twelve of the
10 General Laws; provided, that required hospital out-patient serv-
11 ices may be performed in a clinic. The department may provide
12 financial assistance for such additional medical care or services as
13 said Title XIX and regulations permit; provided, that the depart-
14 ment shall provide financial assistance for at least intermediate
15 care facility services, podiatrists' services, prescription authorized
16 hearing aids, basic adult dental services, but not including ortho-
17 dontry or cosmetic dentistry, eyeglasses for persons sixty-five years
18 of age or older, and care for patients in mental or tuberculosis
19 hospitals who are sixty-five years of age or older; and, provided
20 further, that required hospital outpatient services may be per-
21 formed by a clinic.

1 SECTION 2. Section 110 of chapter 175 of the General Laws,
2 as most recently amended by section 3 of chapter 454 of the acts of
3 1976, is hereby further amended by inserting after subdivision (J)
4 the following subdivision: —

5 (K) Whenever any general or blanket policy of insurance deliv-
6 ered or issued for delivery in the commonwealth under the provi-
7 sions of this section provides for reimbursement for any service
8 which is within the lawful scope of practice of a practitioner of
9 professional nursing as professional nursing is defined in the sec-
10 ond sentence of the first definition in section eighty B of chapter
11 one hundred twelve of the General Laws, a policyholder shall be
12 entitled to reimbursement for such service, whether the service is
13 performed by a physician or said practitioner of professional nurs-
14 ing.

1 SECTION 3. Section 10 of chapter 176A of the General Laws,
2 as most recently amended by section 1 of chapter 361 of the acts of
3 1978, is hereby further amended by adding the following para-
4 graph: —

5 Any contract (except contracts providing supplemental cover-
6 age to Medicare or other governmental programs) between a sub-
7 scriber and the corporation under an individual or group hospital
8 service plan which shall be delivered or issued or renewed in this
9 commonwealth shall provide as benefits to all individual subscrib-
10 ers and members within the commonwealth and to all group
11 members having a principal place of employment within the com-
12 monwealth, for services of a practitioner of professional nursing as
13 professional nursing is defined in the second sentence of the first
14 definition in section eighty B of chapter one hundred twelve of the
15 General Laws.

1 SECTION 4. Chapter 176B of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by adding the following section: —

3 *Section 4E.* Any subscription certificate under an individual or
4 group medical service agreement which shall be delivered or issued
5 or renewed in this commonwealth shall provide as benefits to all
6 individual subscribers and members within the commonwealth
7 and to all group members having a principal place of employment

8 within the commonwealth, for expense for services of a practition-
9 er of professional nursing as professional nursing is defined in the
10 second sentence of the first definition in section eighty B of chapter
11 one hundred twelve of the General Laws.

1 SECTION 5. Chapter 176G of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by adding the following section: —

3 *Section 4A.* Any health maintenance contract shall provide
4 coverage for those health services of a practitioner of professional
5 nursing as professional nursing is defined in the second sentence of
6 the first definition in section eighty B of chapter one hundred
7 twelve of the General Laws.

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