

SENATE No. 473

By Mr. Magnani, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 473) of David P. Magnani, Robert C. Buell, the Massachusetts Nurses Association, by Barbara Roderick, executive director, Robert A. Durand, Lucile P. Hicks, Jane M. Swift, Robert A. Havern, Linda J. Melconian, Michael J. Barrett and Kevin G. Honan for legislation to provide third party reimbursement for services of certain health care workers. Health Care.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Three.

AN ACT PROVIDING THIRD PARTY REIMBURSEMENT FOR SERVICES OF CERTAIN HEALTH CARE WORKERS.

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 110 of Chapter 175 of the General Laws,
2 1990 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after
3 subdivision (L) the following subdivision: —

4 (M) Any blanket or general policy of insurance which is
5 delivered or issued for delivery in the Commonwealth and any
6 employee health and welfare fund which is promulgated or
7 renewed to any person or group of persons in the Commonwealth
8 shall provide for benefits for expenses arising from services of a
9 nurse practitioner when provided within her lawful scope of
10 practice.

1 SECTION 2. Section 10 of Chapter 176A of the General Laws,
2 1990 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following
3 section: —

4 Section 8M. Any contract, except contracts providing
5 supplemental coverage to medicare or other governmental
6 programs, between a subscriber and the corporation under an
7 individual group hospital service plan which shall be delivered,
8 issued or renewed in the commonwealth shall provide, as a basic
9 benefit to all individual subscribers and members within the

10 commonwealth and to all group members having a principal place
11 of employment within the commonwealth, for expense arising
12 from services of a nurse practitioner when provided within her
13 lawful scope of practice.

1 SECTION 3. Chapter 176B of the General Laws, 1990 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following section: —

3 Section 4M. Any subscription certificate under an individual
4 or group medical service agreement, except certificates which
5 provide supplemental coverage to medicare or other governmen-
6 tal programs, which shall be delivered or issued or reviewed in
7 the commonwealth shall provide, as a basic benefit to all
8 individual subscribers and members within the commonwealth
9 and to all group members having a principal place of employment
10 within the commonwealth for expense for services of a nurse
11 practitioner when provided within her lawful scope of practice.

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

3 4E. Any group health maintenance contract shall provide
4 coverage for those expenses arising from the services of a nurse
5 practitioner when provided within her lawful scope of practice.