

By Mr. Walsh of Peabody, petition of Thomas P. Walsh and other members of the House for legislation to provide for reimbursement under accident and health insurance policies for certified registered nurse anesthetist services. Insurance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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 47J. Reimbursement for Certified Nurse Anesthetist
4 Services.

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

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

3 Section 8M. Any contract between a subscriber and the
4 corporation under an individual or group hospital service plan

5 delivered or issued or renewed in this Commonwealth shall
6 provide as benefits to all individual subscribers and members
7 within the Commonwealth and to all group members having a
8 principal place of employment within the Commonwealth, for
9 services of certified registered nurse anesthetist's license; and (2)
10 the policy or contract currently provides benefits for identical
11 services rendered by a provider of health care licensed by the
12 Commonwealth.

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

3 Section 4M. Any subscription certificate under an individual
4 or 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:
11 (1) the service rendered is within the scope of the certified
12 registered nurse anesthetist's license; and (2) the policy or contract
13 currently provides benefits for identical services rendered by a
14 provider of health care licensed by this Commonwealth.

1 SECTION 4. Section 4 of Chapter 176G of the General Laws
2 is hereby amended by adding the following sentence: — such
3 health maintenance contract shall also provide for the
4 reimbursement for certified registered nurse anesthetist services
5 as set forth in section 47J of Chapter One Hundred and Seventy-
6 Five of the General Laws.