

SENATE No. 2093

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SENATE, June 29, 1983.

The committee on Health Care, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 577) of the Massachusetts Nurses Association, by Richard Tierney, executive director, Edward L. Burke and George Bachrach for legislation to provide reimbursement of services of certain health care providers; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2154) of Thomas K. Lynch and Argeo P. Cellucci relative to reimbursement for services of certain health care providers; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2908) of Theodore J. Aleixo, Jr., relative to providing reimbursement of services of certain health care providers; and the petition (accompanied by order, House, No. 2910) of Theodore J. Aleixo, Jr., for an investigation and study by the joint committee on Health Care relative to the impact of mandated benefits on the delivery cost of health care, reports the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 2093).

For the Committee,

EDWARD L. BURKE

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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
3 hereby amended by striking the first paragraph and inserting
4 in place thereof the following paragraph: —

5 The department shall provide financial assistance for such
6 medical care or services as said Title XIX and regulations re-
7 quire, including the services of practitioners of professional
8 nursing as professional nursing is defined in the second sen-
9 tence of the first definition in section eighty B of chapter one
10 hundred twelve of the General Laws; provided, that required
11 hospital out-patient services may be performed in a clinic.
12 The department may provide financial assistance for such ad-
13 ditional medical care or services as said Title XIX and regula-
14 tions permit; provided, that the department shall provide fi-
15 nancial assistance for at least intermediate care facility serv-
16 ices, podiatrists' services, prescription authorized hearing aids,
17 basic adult dental services, but not including orthodontry or
18 cosmetic dentistry, eyeglasses for persons sixty-five years of
19 age or older, and care for patients in mental or tuberculosis
20 hospitals who are sixty-five years of age or older; and pro-
21 vided further, that required hospital outpatient services may
22 be performed 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
3 acts of 1976, is hereby further amended by inserting after
4 subdivision (J) the following subdivision: —

5 (K) Any blanket or general policy of insurance which is
6 delivered or issued for delivery in the commonwealth and any
7 employee's health and welfare fund which is promulgated or

8 renewed to any person or group of persons in the common-
9 wealth shall provide for benefits for expense arising from serv-
10 ices of a practitioner of professional nursing as professional
11 nursing is defined in the second sentence of the first definition
12 in section eighty B of chapter one hundred twelve of the
13 General Laws.

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
3 acts of 1978, is hereby further amended by adding the follow-
4 ing paragraph: —

5 Any contract (except contracts providing supplemental cov-
6 erage to Medicare or other governmental programs) between
7 a subscriber and the corporation under an individual or group
8 hospital service plan which shall be delivered or issued or re-
9 newed in this commonwealth shall provide as benefits to all
10 individual subscribers and members within the commonwealth
11 and to all group members having a principal place of employ-
12 ment within the commonwealth, for services of a practitioner
13 of professional nursing as professional nursing is defined in the
14 second sentence of the first definition in section eighty B of
15 chapter one hundred twelve of the 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
4 or group medical service agreement which shall be delivered
5 or issued or renewed in this commonwealth shall provide as
6 benefits to all individual subscribers and members within the
7 commonwealth and to all group members having a principal
8 place of employment within the commonwealth, for expense
9 for services of a practitioner of professional nursing as pro-
10 fessional nursing is defined in the second sentence of the first
11 definition in section eighty B of chapter one hundred twelve
12 of the General Laws.

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