

OFFER THE OPTION OF PROVIDING BENEFITS FOR EXPENSES ARISING FROM CARE, TREATMENT, OR SERVICES RENDERED BY A NURSE MIDWIFE.

(C) ANY INSURANCE POLICY ISSUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION MAY NOT REQUIRE THAT, AS A CONDITION FOR THE PAYMENT OF BENEFITS, THE NURSE MIDWIFE MUST BE EMPLOYED BY A PHYSICIAN OR MUST ACT PURSUANT TO A PHYSICIAN'S ORDERS.

(D) AFTER JULY 1, 1979 A NONPROFIT HEALTH INSURER SHALL RENEW, MODIFY, ALTER, AMEND, OR REISSUE ANY EXISTING HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY TO ~~INCLUDE~~ OFFER THE OPTION OF PROVIDING BENEFITS FOR EXPENSES ARISING FROM CARE, TREATMENT, OR SERVICES RENDERED BY A NURSE MIDWIFE.

(E) UTILIZATION OF NONPROFIT HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS BY A NURSE MIDWIFE IS SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY A PEER REVIEW COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF NURSES.

(F) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF A GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL POLICY, OR CONTRACT, OR ANY CERTIFICATE ISSUED THEREUNDER, OF HEALTH AND/OR SICKNESS, AND/OR ACCIDENT, AND/OR DISABILITY INSURANCE, DELIVERED WITHIN THE STATE, OR ISSUED TO A GROUP WHICH IS INCORPORATED OR HAS A MAIN OFFICE LOCATED IN THE STATE, OR COVERING PERSONS WHO RESIDE OR WORK WITHIN THE STATE, WHENEVER SUCH POLICY, CONTRACT, OR CERTIFICATE PROVIDES FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR ANY SERVICE WHICH IS WITHIN THE LAWFUL SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF A DULY CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIFE, THE INSURED, OR ANY OTHER PERSON COVERED BY THE POLICY, CONTRACT, OR CERTIFICATE, SHALL BE ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR SUCH SERVICE, WHETHER THE SERVICE IS PERFORMED BY A DOCTOR OF MEDICINE OR A DULY CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIFE. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL APPLY TO ALL SUCH POLICIES, CONTRACTS, OR CERTIFICATES ISSUED, RENEWED, MODIFIED, ALTERED, AMENDED, OR REISSUED ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 1979.

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(A) IN THIS SECTION "NURSE MIDWIFE" MEANS A LICENSED REGISTERED NURSE WHO HAS BEEN CERTIFIED BY THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF NURSE-MIDWIVES AS A NURSE MIDWIFE.

(E) AFTER JULY 1, 1979 EVERY HEALTH INSURER WHO PROPOSES TO ISSUE, RENEW, MODIFY, ALTER, AMEND, OR REISSUE ANY HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY IN MARYLAND WHICH IS WRITTEN ON AN EXPENSE INCURRED BASIS SHALL ~~INCLUDE~~ OFFER THE OPTION OF PROVIDING BENEFITS FOR EXPENSES ARISING FROM CARE, TREATMENT, OR SERVICES RENDERED BY A NURSE MIDWIFE.

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