

~~(E) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF A GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL POLICY OR CONTRACT, OR ANY CERTIFICATE ISSUED THEREUNDER, OF HEALTH, SICKNESS, ACCIDENT, 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 NURSE PRACTITIONER, 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 NURSE PRACTITIONER. 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, 1980.~~

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(A) IN THIS SECTION "CERTIFIED NURSE PRACTITIONER" MEANS A LICENSED REGISTERED NURSE WHO HAS COMPLETED A NURSE PRACTITIONER PROGRAM APPROVED BY THE MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF NURSES AND WHO HAS PASSED A BOARD APPROVED EXAMINATION, ~~AND HAS BEEN CERTIFIED UNDER THE JOINT REGULATIONS OF THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS AND THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF NURSES.~~

(B) AFTER JULY 1, 1980, EVERY HEALTH INSURER WHO PROPOSES TO ISSUE, RENEW, MODIFY, ALTER, AMEND, OR REISSUE ANY HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY IN MARYLAND THAT 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 CERTIFIED NURSE PRACTITIONER. THE HEALTH INSURER MAY LIMIT THE COVERAGE OFFERED TO FOR THOSE SERVICES PROVIDED BY A NURSE PRACTITIONER WHO WORKS WHILE WORKING DIRECTLY UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A PHYSICIAN.

(C) AFTER JULY 1, 1980, A HEALTH INSURER SHALL RENEW, MODIFY, ALTER, AMEND, OR REISSUE ANY EXISTING HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY THAT IS WRITTEN ON AN EXPENSE INCURRED BASIS TO ~~INCLUDE~~ OFFER THE OPTION OF PROVIDING BENEFITS FOR EXPENSES ARISING FROM CARE, TREATMENT, OR SERVICES RENDERED BY A CERTIFIED NURSE PRACTITIONER. THE HEALTH INSURER MAY LIMIT THE COVERAGE OFFERED TO FOR THOSE SERVICES PROVIDED BY A NURSE PRACTITIONER WHO WORKS WHILE WORKING DIRECTLY UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A PHYSICIAN.

(D) UTILIZATION OF HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS BY A CERTIFIED NURSE PRACTITIONER IS SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY A PEER REVIEW COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF NURSES ~~IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE JOINT REGULATIONS OF THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS AND THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF NURSES.~~