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All group health insurance policies, or any certificate thereunder, issued or delivered in this State, or issued to a group which is incorporated or has a main office located in this State, or covering persons who reside or work within this State, which provide insurance against expenses incurred for services that optometrists are licensed to perform under the provisions of [Article 43] TITLE 10 OF THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE, shall obligate the insurer, in accordance with the other provisions of the policies, to insure the expenses when rendered by an optometrist.

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(a) Every group or blanket health insurance policy delivered or issued for delivery in this State or issued to a group which is incorporated or has a main office located in this State, or covering persons who reside or work within this State, which provides for reimbursement for any service which is within the lawful scope of practice of a [duly] licensed certified social worker shall provide such benefit whether the service is performed by a doctor of medicine or by a [duly] licensed certified social worker who has had at least two years or 3,000 hours of post-masters supervised clinical social work practice in a clinical program as established by the STATE Board of Social Work Examiners if the insured or the person covered by the policy was referred to the social worker by a physician.

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