

CERTIFICATE PROVIDES FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR ANESTHESIA OR ANY SERVICE WHICH IS WITHIN THE LAWFUL SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF A DULY CERTIFIED NURSE ANESTHETIST, THE INSURED, OR ANY OTHER PERSON COVERED BY THE POLICY, CONTRACT, OR CERTIFICATE, IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR SUCH SERVICE, WHETHER THE SERVICE IS PERFORMED BY A DOCTOR OF MEDICINE OR A DULY CERTIFIED NURSE ANESTHETIST.

(2) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION APPLY TO ALL SUCH POLICIES, CONTRACTS, OR CERTIFICATES ISSUED, RENEWED, MODIFIED, ALTERED, AMENDED, OR REISSUED ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 1984.

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(A) IN THIS SECTION "NURSE ANESTHETIST" MEANS A REGISTERED NURSE WHO HAS BEEN CERTIFIED BY THE COUNCIL ON CERTIFICATION OR THE COUNCIL ON RECERTIFICATION OF NURSE ANESTHETIST AS A NURSE ANESTHETISTS.

~~(B) -- AFTER -- JULY -- 1, -- 1984 -- EVERY -- GROUP -- OR -- BLANKET -- 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 BENEFITS FOR -- EXPENSES ARISING -- FROM -- CARE, -- TREATMENT, -- OR SERVICES RENDERED BY A NURSE ANESTHETIST.~~

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

~~(D) -- AFTER -- JULY -- 1, -- 1984 -- A -- GROUP -- OR -- BLANKET -- HEALTH -- INSURER SHALL RENEW, MODIFY, ALTER, -- AMEND, -- OR REISSUE ANY EXISTING HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY WHICH IS WRITTEN ON AN EXPENSE INCURRED BASIS TO INCLUDE -- BENEFITS -- FOR -- EXPENSES ARISING FROM CARE, -- TREATMENT, -- OR SERVICES RENDERED BY A NURSE ANESTHETIST.~~

~~(E) (C) UTILIZATION OF GROUP OR BLANKET HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS BY A NURSE ANESTHETIST IS SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY A PEER REVIEW COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF NURSES.~~

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(A) (D) (1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF A GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL POLICY, CONTRACT, OR ANY CERTIFICATE ISSUED THEREUNDER, OF HEALTH OR SICKNESS, OR ACCIDENT, OR DISABILITY INSURANCE THAT IS WRITTEN ON AN EXPENSE INCURRED BASIS, 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, WHEN SUCH POLICY, CONTRACT, OR CERTIFICATE PROVIDES FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR ANESTHESIA OR ANY SERVICE WHICH IS WITHIN THE LAWFUL SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF A DULY CERTIFIED NURSE ANESTHETIST, THE INSURED, OR ANY OTHER PERSON