

In subsection (b) of this section, the requirement that "the insured or any other person covered by" the policy or certificate "[be] entitled to reimbursement for the service" is substituted for the former requirement that the policy or certificate "shall provide such benefit" for clarity and consistency with similar provisions of this subtitle.

Also in subsection (b) of this section, the reference to a "physician" is substituted for the former references to a "doctor of medicine" for consistency within this subtitle.

Defined terms: "Health insurance" § 1-101

"Insurer" § 1-101

"Person" § 1-101

"Policy" § 1-101

15-708. NURSE ANESTHETISTS.

(A) "NURSE ANESTHETIST" DEFINED.

IN THIS SECTION, "NURSE ANESTHETIST" MEANS A REGISTERED NURSE WHO IS CERTIFIED AS A NURSE ANESTHETIST BY:

- (1) THE COUNCIL ON CERTIFICATION OF NURSE ANESTHETISTS; OR
- (2) THE COUNCIL ON RECERTIFICATION OF NURSE ANESTHETISTS.

(B) SCOPE OF SECTION.

THIS SECTION APPLIES TO EACH INDIVIDUAL, GROUP, OR BLANKET HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY, CONTRACT, OR CERTIFICATE OF AN INSURER OR NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN THAT:

- (1) (I) IS ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THE STATE;
- (II) IS ISSUED TO A GROUP THAT IS INCORPORATED OR HAS A MAIN OFFICE IN THE STATE; OR
- (III) COVERS INDIVIDUALS WHO RESIDE OR WORK IN THE STATE;
- (2) IS ISSUED, RENEWED, AMENDED, OR REISSUED ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 1984; AND
- (3) IF ISSUED BY AN INSURER, IS WRITTEN ON AN EXPENSE-INCURRED BASIS.

(C) REIMBURSEMENT FOR SERVICES.

NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF A POLICY, CONTRACT, OR CERTIFICATE SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION, IF THE POLICY, CONTRACT, OR CERTIFICATE PROVIDES FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR A SERVICE THAT IS WITHIN THE LAWFUL SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF A NURSE ANESTHETIST, THE INSURED OR ANY OTHER PERSON COVERED BY THE POLICY, CONTRACT, OR CERTIFICATE IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE SERVICE REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE SERVICE IS PERFORMED BY A PHYSICIAN OR NURSE ANESTHETIST.