

for "anesthesia" are deleted as included in the comprehensive reference to reimbursement for "a service that is within the lawful scope of practice of a nurse anesthetist".

Also in subsection (c) of this section, the former references to a "duly certified" nurse anesthetist are deleted as unnecessary in light of the definition of "nurse anesthetist".

In subsection (d) of this section, the reference to a policy "that provides benefits under this section for services rendered by a nurse anesthetist" is substituted for former references to a policy "issued in accordance with this section" for clarity and accuracy.

In subsection (e) of this section, the reference to health insurance benefits "provided under this section for services rendered" by a nurse anesthetist is added for clarity. Consequently, the former references to "nonprofit" health insurance benefits and "group or blanket" health insurance benefits are deleted as unnecessary in light of the reference to health insurance benefits "provided under this section".

Defined terms: "Health insurance" § 1-101

"Insurer" § 1-101

"Person" § 1-101

"Policy" § 1-101

15-709. NURSE MIDWIVES.

(A) "NURSE MIDWIFE" DEFINED.

IN THIS SECTION, "NURSE MIDWIFE" MEANS A LICENSED REGISTERED NURSE WHO IS CERTIFIED AS A NURSE MIDWIFE BY THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF NURSE-MIDWIVES.

(B) REQUIRED OFFERING OF COVERAGE - INSURERS.

EACH INSURER THAT PROPOSES TO ISSUE, RENEW, AMEND, OR REISSUE AN INDIVIDUAL, GROUP, OR BLANKET HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY IN THE STATE THAT IS WRITTEN ON AN EXPENSE-INCURRED BASIS SHALL OFFER THE OPTION OF PROVIDING BENEFITS FOR EXPENSES THAT ARISE FROM SERVICES RENDERED BY A NURSE MIDWIFE.

(C) SAME - NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLANS.

EACH NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN THAT PROPOSES TO ISSUE, RENEW, AMEND, OR REISSUE A HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY IN THE STATE SHALL OFFER THE OPTION OF PROVIDING BENEFITS FOR EXPENSES THAT ARISE FROM SERVICES RENDERED BY A NURSE MIDWIFE.

(D) REIMBURSEMENT FOR SERVICES.

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