

"provided under this section for services rendered" by a nurse midwife is added for clarity. Consequently, the former reference to "nonprofit" health insurance benefits and "group or blanket" health insurance benefits is 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

#### 15-710. OPTOMETRISTS.

##### (A) SCOPE OF SECTION.

THIS SECTION APPLIES TO EACH INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY OR CERTIFICATE OF AN INSURER THAT:

- (1) IS ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THE STATE;
- (2) IS ISSUED TO A GROUP THAT IS INCORPORATED OR HAS A MAIN OFFICE IN THE STATE; OR
- (3) COVERS INDIVIDUALS WHO RESIDE OR WORK IN THE STATE.

##### (B) REIMBURSEMENT FOR SERVICES.

EACH POLICY OR CERTIFICATE SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION THAT PROVIDES FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR A SERVICE THAT IS WITHIN THE LAWFUL SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF AN OPTOMETRIST LICENSED UNDER THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE SHALL REQUIRE THE INSURER TO REIMBURSE THE INSURED OR ANY OTHER PERSON COVERED BY THE POLICY OR CERTIFICATE FOR THE SERVICE PERFORMED BY THE OPTOMETRIST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OTHER PROVISIONS OF THE POLICY OR CERTIFICATE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 48A, §§ 470A and 477F.

In the introductory language of subsection (a) of this section, the references to an "individual" or group health insurance policy or certificate "of an insurer" are added to clarify the applicability of this section.

In subsection (a)(3) of this section, the reference to "individuals" who reside or work in the State is substituted for the former reference to "persons" since only an individual can reside or work in the State.

In subsection (b) of this section, the references to providing "for reimbursement" for services that "[are] within the lawful scope of practice of an optometrist licensed" under the Health Occupations Article are substituted for the former references to providing "insurance against expenses incurred" for services that "optometrists are licensed to perform" under the Health Occupations Article for consistency with similar provisions in this subtitle. Similarly, the requirement to "reimburse the insured or any other person