

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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YOUNGBLOOD AND TANGRETTI, MARCH 23, 2004

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE, MARCH 23, 2004

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), entitled "An  
2 act relating to insurance; amending, revising, and  
3 consolidating the law providing for the incorporation of  
4 insurance companies, and the regulation, supervision, and  
5 protection of home and foreign insurance companies, Lloyds  
6 associations, reciprocal and inter-insurance exchanges, and  
7 fire insurance rating bureaus, and the regulation and  
8 supervision of insurance carried by such companies,  
9 associations, and exchanges, including insurance carried by  
10 the State Workmen's Insurance Fund; providing penalties; and  
11 repealing existing laws," providing for third-party  
12 reimbursement for services of registered nurse first  
13 assistants.

14 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
15 hereby enacts as follows:

16 Section 1. The act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known  
17 as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, is amended by adding a  
18 section to read:

19 Section 635.2. Third-party Reimbursement for Services of  
20 Registered Nurse First Assistants.--(a) Every hospital, health  
21 or medical expense insurance policy, hospital or medical service  
22 contract, employe welfare benefit plan, health maintenance

1 organization subscriber agreement, health and accident insurance  
2 policy or other insurance contract of this type, including a  
3 group insurance plan or self-insurance plan that provides  
4 medical and surgical benefits which are delivered, issued for  
5 delivery or renewed in this Commonwealth on or after January 1,  
6 2004, shall provide coverage of perioperative services rendered  
7 by a registered nurse first assistant. Payments for registered  
8 nurse first assistants for such services shall be subject to the  
9 same credentialing and contracting requirements that apply to  
10 other health care providers paid for such services.

11 (b) As used in this section:

12 (1) "Perioperative services" means preoperative,  
13 intraoperative and postoperative nursing care provided to  
14 surgical patients.

15 (2) "Registered nurse first assistant" means a person who:

16 (i) is licensed as a registered nurse in accordance with the  
17 laws of this Commonwealth;

18 (ii) is experienced in perioperative services; and

19 (iii) has completed a national certification program of  
20 perioperative services.

21 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.