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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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by medical services corporations  
(Blue Shield) )

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**SENATE, No. 618****STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1982 SESSION

By Senator ORECHIO

AN ACT to provide for the reimbursement for nursing services under medical service corporation \***[insurance]**\* contracts, and supplementing P. L. 1940, c. 74 (C. 17:48A-1 et seq.).

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of P. L. 1940, c. 74 (C.  
2 17:48A-1 et seq.), \***[a policy may, at the option of the subscriber,**  
3 **provide reimbursement for any nursing service within the lawful**  
4 **scope of practice of a duly licensed registered professional nurse;**  
5 **provided, however, that such licensed registered professional nurse**  
6 **is not concurrently being paid a salary by any health care provider**  
7 **for the duties so performed]**\* *\*benefits shall not be denied to any*  
8 *eligible individual for eligible services when the services are per-*  
9 *formed or rendered to those individuals by a registered profes-*  
10 *sional nurse, within the scope of the nurse's practice, and the nurse*  
11 *is not being paid a salary by a health care provider for the ser-*  
12 *vices so performed\*. The benefits may be payable subject to de-*  
13 *ductible or coinsurance provisions, and a \***[policy]**\* **\*contract\****  
14 *providing such benefits may contain a limitation on the number*  
15 *of benefit days payable under the contract.*

16 *\*This act shall exclude salaried services which are already re-*  
17 *imbursed and shall not be construed to affect or impair hospital*  
18 *procedures for billing in-hospital nursing care. The practice of*  
19 *nursing shall be deemed to be within the provisions of P. L. 1940,*  
20 *c. 74 (C. 17:48A-1 et seq.) and duly registered professional nurses*  
21 *shall have those privileges and benefits in the scope of their prac-*  
22 *tice as are afforded thereunder to licensed physicians and surgeons*  
23 *in the scope of their practice.\**

1 2. This act shall take effect 90 days following its enactment.

**EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

**Matter printed in italics thus is new matter.**

**Matter enclosed in asterisks or stars has been adopted as follows:**

**\*—Senate committee amendments adopted December 8, 1983.**

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STATEMENT

This bill would permit direct reimbursement to professional nurses under medical service corporation insurance contracts, providing that the nurses are not concurrently being paid a salary for performing the same services by a health care provider. The bill provides that such benefits would be included in a contract at the option of the insured, and may be payable subject to deductible or coinsurance provisions. The policy may contain a limitation on the number of benefit days payable under the contract.

SENATE LABOR, INDUSTRY AND PROFESSIONS  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 618**

with Senate Committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: DECEMBER 8, 1983

This bill, as amended at the request of the sponsor, provides that whenever a medical service corporation contract provides for reimbursement for any service which is within the scope of the practice of a registered professional nurse, the registered professional nurse who performs those services for an eligible individual would be entitled to reimbursement for the services performed if the nurse is not being paid a salary by a health care provider for the services so performed.

The provisions of this bill apply to Blue Shield and other medical service corporations and do not apply to commercial insurance carriers.

S-1791 SIGNED, ET AL.

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S-537, sponsored by State Senator John H. Dorsey, R-Morris, which makes it a third degree crime to destroy or damage facilities of public utilities in a manner which would threaten the release of radioactive materials or ionizing radiation. A third degree crime carries a prison sentence of between five and ten years.

S-3133, sponsored by State Senator Frank X. Graves, D-Passaic, which amends the motor vehicle statutes to allow only a person who has completed a driver education course to retain and use a special learner's permit.

S-3366, sponsored by State Senator John F. Russo, D-Ocean, which repeals statutes authorizing municipalities to enter into certain contracts and to appropriate funds, borrow money and issue negotiable notes. These provisions have been superceded by provisions of the "Local Budget Law" and are accordingly no longer necessary.

S-3792, sponsored by State Senator Joseph Hirkala, D-Passaic, which appropriates \$500,000 in Federal funds to the Department of Labor for dislocated worker programs.

S-618, sponsored by State Senator Carmen A. Orechio, D-Essex, which provides reimbursement for registered professional nurses under Blue Shield insurance contracts if the nurse is not being paid a salary by a hospital or health care provider.

S-1143, also sponsored by Senator Orechio, which expands the subsidized adoption program to include all "hard to place" children.

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