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ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
ASSEMBLY, Nos. 1247 and 1248

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ADOPTED MAY 14, 1992

Sponsored by Assemblywoman WRIGHT

1 AN ACT to provide reimbursement for certain nursing services
2 under certain health insurance policies and supplementing
3 chapters 26 and 27 of Title 17B of the New Jersey Statutes.

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5 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*
6 *State of New Jersey:*

7 1. a. Notwithstanding any provision of a policy of individual
8 health insurance, whenever such a policy provides for
9 reimbursement for any service which is within the lawful scope of
10 practice of a duly registered professional nurse who is not being
11 paid a salary by a health care provider for the service so
12 performed, a person covered under that individual health
13 insurance policy or the registered professional nurse rendering
14 the service shall be entitled to reimbursement for the service.

15 b. This act shall exclude salaried services which are already
16 reimbursed and shall not be construed to affect or impair hospital
17 procedures for billing in-hospital nursing care. The practice of
18 nursing shall be deemed to be within the provisions of chapter 26
19 of Title 17B of the New Jersey Statutes and duly registered
20 professional nurses shall have those privileges and benefits in the
21 scope of their practice as are afforded thereunder to licensed
22 physicians and surgeons in the scope of their practice.

23 c. This section shall apply to any individual health insurance
24 policy: (1) delivered or issued for delivery in this State on or
25 after the effective date of this act; or (2) under which the insurer
26 has reserved the right to change the premium.

27 2. a. Notwithstanding any provision of a policy of group health
28 insurance, whenever such a policy provides for reimbursement for
29 any service which is within the lawful scope of practice of a duly
30 registered professional nurse who is not being paid a salary by a
31 health care provider for the services so performed, a person
32 covered under that group health insurance policy or the
33 registered professional nurse rendering the service shall be
34 entitled to reimbursement for the service.

35 b. This act shall exclude salaried services which are already
36 reimbursed and shall not be construed to affect or impair hospital
37 procedures for billing in-hospital nursing care. The practice of
38 nursing shall be deemed to be within the provisions of chapter 27
39 of Title 17B of the New Jersey Statutes and duly registered
40 professional nurses shall have those privileges and benefits in the
41 scope of their practice as are afforded thereunder to licensed
42 physicians and surgeons in the scope of their practice.

43 c. This section shall apply to any group health insurance
44 policy: (1) delivered or issued for delivery in this State on or

1 after the effective date of this act; or (2) under which the insurer
2 reserves the right to change the premium.

3 3. This act shall take effect on the 90th day after enactment.

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8 Provides for reimbursement of certain nursing services under
9 certain health insurance policies.

ASSEMBLY, No. 1247
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED APRIL 13, 1992

By Assemblywoman WRIGHT, Assemblymen Wolfe,
Oros and Haytaian

1 AN ACT to provide reimbursement for certain nursing services
2 under certain group health insurance policies and
3 supplementing chapter 27 of Title 17B of the New Jersey
4 Statutes.

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6 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*
7 *State of New Jersey:*

8 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of chapter 28 of Title
9 17B of the New Jersey Statutes to the contrary, benefits shall not
10 be denied to any policyholder or other person covered thereunder
11 for eligible services performed or rendered to those persons by a
12 registered professional nurse, within the scope of the nurse's
13 practice pursuant to P.L.1947, c.262 (C.45:11-23 et seq.), who is
14 not being paid a salary by a health care provider for the services
15 so performed.

16 The benefits provided pursuant to this act may be payable
17 subject to deductible or coinsurance provisions, and a policy
18 providing benefits may contain a limitation on the number of
19 benefit days payable under the policy.

20 This act shall exclude salaried services which are already
21 reimbursed and shall not be construed to affect or impair hospital
22 procedures for billing in-hospital nursing care. The practice of
23 nursing shall be deemed to be within the provisions of chapter 27
24 of Title 17B of the New Jersey Statutes and duly registered
25 professional nurses shall have those privileges and benefits in the
26 scope of their practice as are afforded thereunder to licensed
27 physicians and surgeons in the scope of their practice.

28 2. This act shall apply to any health insurance policy subject to
29 the provisions of chapter 27 of Title 17B of the New Jersey
30 Statutes providing hospital or medical expense benefits delivered,
31 issued, executed or renewed in this State, or approved for
32 issuance or renewal in this State by the Commissioner of
33 Insurance on or after the effective date of this act or any group
34 health insurance policy or any policy under which the insurer
35 reserves the right to change the premium.

36 3. This act shall take effect on the 90th day after enactment.

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STATEMENT

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41 This bill would provide direct reimbursement, under group
42 health insurance policies, for those services provided by
43 registered professional nurses who are not being paid a salary for
44 the services so performed. Benefits may be subject to deductible
45 and copayment provisions and the policy may contain a limitation

1 on the number of benefit days for which services are
2 reimbursable. The bill provides that professional nurses shall
3 have those privileges and benefits within the scope of practice as
4 are provided to licensed physicians and surgeons within the scope
5 of their practice.

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10 Provides for reimbursement of certain nursing services under
11 group health insurance policies.

ASSEMBLY, No. 1248

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED APRIL 13, 1992

By Assemblywoman WRIGHT, Assemblyman Wolfe,
Assemblywoman Haines, Assemblymen Oros
and Haytaian

1 **AN ACT** to provide reimbursement for certain nursing services
2 under certain individual health insurance policies and
3 supplementing chapter 26 of Title 17B of the New Jersey
4 Statutes.

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6 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*
7 *State of New Jersey:*

8 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of chapter 26 of Title
9 17B of the Revised Statutes to the contrary, benefits shall not be
10 denied to any policyholder or other person covered thereunder for
11 eligible services performed or rendered to those persons by a
12 registered professional nurse, within the scope of the nurse's
13 practice pursuant to P.L.1947, c.262 (C.45:11-23 et seq.), who is
14 not being paid a salary by a health care provider for the services
15 so performed.

16 The benefits provided pursuant to this act may be payable
17 subject to deductible or coinsurance provisions, and a policy
18 providing benefits may contain a limitation on the number of
19 benefit days payable under the policy.

20 This act shall exclude salaried services which are already
21 reimbursed and shall not be construed to affect or impair hospital
22 procedures for billing in-hospital nursing care. The practice of
23 nursing shall be deemed to be within the provisions of chapter 26
24 of Title 17B of the New Jersey Statutes and duly registered
25 professional nurses shall have those privileges and benefits in the
26 scope of their practice as are afforded thereunder to licensed
27 physicians and surgeons in the scope of their practice.

28 2. This act shall apply to any health insurance policy subject to
29 the provisions of chapter 26 of Title 17B of the New Jersey
30 Statutes providing hospital or medical expense benefits delivered,
31 issued, executed or renewed in this State, or approved for
32 issuance or renewal in this State by the Commissioner of
33 Insurance on or after the effective date of this act or any group
34 health insurance policy or any policy under which the insurer
35 reserves the right to change the premium.

36 3. This act shall take effect on the 90th day after enactment.

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STATEMENT

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41 This bill would provide direct reimbursement, under individual
42 health insurance policies, for those services provided by
43 registered professional nurses who are not being paid a salary for
44 services so performed. Benefits may be subject to deductible and
45 copayment provisions and the policy may contain a limitation on

1 the number of benefit days for which services are reimbursable.
2 The bill provides that professional nurses shall have those
3 privileges and benefits within the scope of practice as are
4 provided to licensed physicians and surgeons within the scope of
5 their practice.

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10 Provides for reimbursement of certain nursing services under
11 individual health insurance policies.

ASSEMBLY INSURANCE COMMITTEE
STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
ASSEMBLY, Nos. 1247 and 1248
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 14, 1992

The Assembly Insurance Committee favorably reports Assembly Committee Substitute for Assembly, Nos. 1247 and 1248.

This bill would provide direct reimbursement under individual and group health insurance policies for those services provided by registered professional nurses who are not being paid a salary for the services so performed whenever such policies provide for reimbursement for these services.

The bill provides that professional nurses shall have those privileges and benefits within the scope of practice as are provided to licensed physicians and surgeons within the scope of their practice.

SENATE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

ASSEMBLY, Nos. 1247 and 1248

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JULY 23, 1992

The Senate Health and Human Services Committee favorably reports the Assembly Committee Substitute for Assembly Bill Nos. 1247 and 1248.

This substitute would provide direct reimbursement under individual and group health insurance policies for those services provided by registered professional nurses who are not being paid a salary for the services so performed whenever such policies provide for reimbursement for these services.

The substitute provides that professional nurses shall have those privileges and benefits within the scope of practice as are provided to licensed physicians and surgeons within the scope of their practice.