

STATE OF NEW YORK

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Introduced by M. of A. CROUCH -- read once and referred to the Committee on Insurance

AN ACT to amend the insurance law, in relation to mandatory health insurance coverage for certified registered nurse anesthetists providing anesthesia services

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Subsection (i) of section 3216 of the insurance law is
2 amended by adding a new paragraph 34 to read as follows:

3 (34) Every policy which provides for coverage for anesthesia services
4 shall include coverage for anesthesia services provided by an independ-
5 ently employed certified registered nurse anesthetist. The term "certi-
6 fied registered nurse anesthetist" as used in this paragraph shall mean
7 a person who has satisfactorily completed educational preparation for
8 the practice of nurse anesthesia in a program accredited by a national
9 accrediting body recognized by the department of health or determined by
10 the department of health to be the equivalent and who is currently
11 certified by a national certifying body recognized by the department of
12 health.

13 § 2. Subsection (1) of section 3221 of the insurance law is amended by
14 adding a new paragraph 20 to read as follows:

15 (20) Every policy which provides for coverage for anesthesia services
16 shall include coverage for anesthesia services provided by an independ-
17 ently employed certified registered nurse anesthetist. The term "certi-
18 fied registered nurse anesthetist" as used in this paragraph shall mean
19 a person who has satisfactorily completed educational preparation for
20 the practice of nurse anesthesia in a program accredited by a national
21 accrediting body recognized by the department of health or determined by
22 the department of health to be the equivalent and who is currently
23 certified by a national certifying body recognized by the department of
24 health.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 § 3. Section 4303 of the insurance law is amended by adding a new
2 subsection (oo) to read as follows:

3 (oo) Every policy which provides for coverage for anesthesia services
4 shall include coverage for anesthesia services provided by an independ-
5 ently employed certified registered nurse anesthetist. The term "certi-
6 fied registered nurse anesthetist" as used in this subsection shall mean
7 a person who has satisfactorily completed educational preparation for
8 the practice of nurse anesthesia in a program accredited by a national
9 accrediting body recognized by the department of health or determined by
10 the department of health to be the equivalent and who is currently
11 certified by a national certifying body recognized by the department of
12 health.

13 § 4. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
14 have become a law and shall apply to policies and contracts issued,
15 renewed, modified, altered or amended on or after such effective date.