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Introduced by M. of A. CAHILL, FAHY, STECK, WOERNER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Insurance

AN ACT to amend the insurance law, in relation to authorizing health insurance reimbursement 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. Paragraphs 27 and 28 of subsection (i) of section 3216 of
2 the insurance law, paragraph 27 as added by chapter 536 of the laws of
3 2010 and paragraph 28 as added by chapter 589 of the laws of 2011, are
4 renumbered paragraphs 35 and 36 respectively and a new paragraph 37 is
5 added to read as follows:

6 (37) At the discretion of the insurer, anesthesia services provided by
7 a certified registered nurse anesthetist may be eligible for reimburse-
8 ment under any policy which provides for coverage for anesthesia
9 services. Provided however, that nothing contained herein shall be
10 construed to require an insurer to reimburse both a physician and a
11 certified registered nurse anesthetist for providing the same anes-
12 thesiology services. The term "certified registered nurse anesthetist" as
13 used in this paragraph shall mean a person who has satisfactorily
14 completed educational preparation for provision of these services in a
15 program registered by the department of education or in a program
16 accredited by a national body recognized by the department of education
17 or determined by the department of education to be the equivalent; and
18 submit evidence of current certification or recertification by a
19 national certifying body, recognized by the department of education.

20 § 2. Subsection (1) of section 3221 of the insurance law is amended by
21 adding a new paragraph 21 to read as follows:

22 (21) At the discretion of the insurer, anesthesia services provided by
23 a certified registered nurse anesthetist may be eligible for reimburse-

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

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11 submit evidence of current certification or recertification by a
12 national certifying body, recognized by the department of education.

13 § 3. Section 4303 of the insurance law is amended by adding a new
14 subsection (ss) to read as follows:

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16 a certified registered nurse anesthetist may be eligible for reimburse-
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18 services. Provided however, that nothing contained herein shall be
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28 national certifying body, recognized by the department of education.

29 § 4. This act shall take effect January 1, 2021 and shall apply to
30 policies and contracts issued, renewed, modified, altered or amended on
31 or after such effective date.