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JOINT BILL

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to coverage of the payment of certain services  
2 provided by advanced registered nurse practitioners under  
3 group health plans.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 509.3, subsection 8, Code 1991, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 8. A provision shall be made available to policyholders,  
4 under group policies covering hospital, medical, or surgical  
5 expenses, for payment of covered services determined to be  
6 medically necessary provided by ~~registered-nurses-certified-by~~  
7 ~~a-national-certifying-organization, which-organization-shall~~  
8 ~~be-identified-by-the-Iowa-board-of-nursing-pursuant-to-rules~~  
9 ~~adopted-by-the-board~~ an advanced registered nurse practitioner  
10 as licensed by the Iowa board of nursing, if the services are  
11 within the practice of the profession of ~~a-registered-nurse an~~  
12 advanced registered nurse practitioner as that practice is  
13 defined in ~~section-152.1~~ 655 IAC 7.1, under terms and  
14 conditions agreed upon between the insurer and the  
15 policyholder, subject to utilization controls. This  
16 subsection shall not require payment for nursing services  
17 provided by ~~a-certified-nurse~~ an advanced registered nurse  
18 practitioner practicing in a hospital, nursing facility,  
19 health care institution, physician's office, or other  
20 noninstitutional setting even if the ~~certified-nurse~~ advanced  
21 registered nurse practitioner is an employee of the hospital,  
22 nursing facility, health care institution, physician, or other  
23 health care facility or health care provider. This subsection  
24 applies to group policies delivered or issued for delivery in  
25 this state on or after July 1, ~~1989~~ 1992, and to existing  
26 group policies on their next anniversary or renewal dates, or  
27 upon expiration of the applicable collective bargaining  
28 contract, if any, whichever is later. This Notwithstanding  
29 section 514C.6, this subsection does not apply to blanket,  
30 short-term travel, accident only, limited or specified  
31 disease, or individual or group conversion policies, policies  
32 rated on a community basis, or policies designed only for  
33 issuance to persons for eligible coverage under Title XVIII of  
34 the federal Social Security Act, or any other similar coverage  
35 under a state or federal government plan.

1     Sec. 2. Section 514.7, unnumbered paragraph 5, Code 1991,  
2 is amended to read as follows:

3     A provision shall be available in approved contracts with  
4 hospital and medical service corporate subscribers under group  
5 subscriber contracts or plans covering medical and surgical  
6 service, for payment of covered services determined to be  
7 medically necessary provided by ~~certified-registered-nurses~~  
8 ~~certified-by-a-national-certifying-organization, which~~  
9 ~~organization shall be identified by the Iowa board of nursing~~  
10 ~~pursuant to rules adopted by the board~~ an advanced registered  
11 nurse practitioner as licensed by the Iowa board of nursing,  
12 if the services are within the practice of the profession of a  
13 ~~registered-nurse~~ an advanced registered nurse practitioner as  
14 that practice is defined in ~~section 152.1~~ 655 IAC 7.1, under  
15 terms and conditions agreed upon between the corporation and  
16 subscriber group, subject to utilization controls. This  
17 paragraph shall not require payment for nursing services  
18 provided by ~~a-certified-registered-nurse~~ an advanced  
19 registered nurse practitioner practicing in a hospital,  
20 nursing facility, health care institution, a physician's  
21 office, or other noninstitutional setting even if the  
22 ~~certified-registered-nurse~~ advanced registered nurse  
23 practitioner is an employee of the hospital, nursing facility,  
24 health care institution, physician, or other health care  
25 facility or health care provider. This paragraph applies to  
26 group subscriber contracts delivered in this state on or after  
27 July 1, ~~1989~~ 1992, and to group subscriber contracts on their  
28 anniversary or renewal date, or upon the expiration of the  
29 applicable collective bargaining contract, if any, whichever  
30 is the later. This Notwithstanding section 514C.6, this  
31 paragraph does not apply to limited or specified disease or  
32 individual contracts or contracts designed only for issuance  
33 to subscribers eligible for coverage under Title XVIII of the  
34 federal Social Security Act, contracts which are rated on a  
35 community basis, or any other similar coverage under a state

1 or federal government plan.

2 Sec. 3. Section 514B.1, subsection 2, unnumbered paragraph  
3 5, Code 1991, is amended to read as follows:

4 The health care services available to enrollees under  
5 prepaid group plans covering hospital, medical, or surgical  
6 expenses, may include, at the option of the employer  
7 purchaser, a provision for payment of covered services  
8 determined to be medically necessary provided by a ~~certified~~  
9 ~~registered-nurse-certified-by-a-national-certifying~~  
10 ~~organization, which organization shall be identified by the~~  
11 ~~Iowa board of nursing pursuant to rules adopted by the board~~  
12 an advanced registered nurse practitioner as licensed by the  
13 Iowa board of nursing, if the services are within the practice  
14 of the profession of a ~~registered-nurse~~ an advanced registered  
15 nurse practitioner as that practice is defined in section  
16 ~~§52-8~~ 655 IAC 7.1, under terms and conditions agreed upon  
17 between the employer purchaser and the health maintenance  
18 organization, subject to utilization controls. This paragraph  
19 shall not require payment for nursing services provided by a  
20 ~~certified-registered-nurse~~ an advanced registered nurse  
21 practitioner practicing in a hospital, nursing facility,  
22 health care institution, a physician's office, or other  
23 noninstitutional setting even if the ~~certified-registered~~  
24 ~~nurse~~ advanced registered nurse practitioner is an employee of  
25 the hospital, nursing facility, health care institution,  
26 physician, or other health care facility or health care  
27 provider. This paragraph applies to services provided under  
28 plans within this state made on or after July 1, ~~1989~~ 1992,  
29 and to existing group plans on their next anniversary or  
30 renewal date, or upon the expiration of the applicable  
31 collective bargaining contract, if any, whichever is later.  
32 This Notwithstanding section 514C.6, this paragraph does not  
33 apply to enrollees eligible for coverage under an individual  
34 contract or coverage designed only for issuance to enrollees  
35 eligible for coverage under Title XVIII of the federal Social

1 Security Act, or under coverage which is rated on a community  
2 basis, or any other similar coverage under a state or federal  
3 government plan.

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EXPLANATION

5 This bill provides for payment by insurers under group  
6 policies for nursing services provided by an advanced  
7 registered nurse practitioner practicing in a hospital,  
8 nursing facility, health care institution, physician's office,  
9 or other noninstitutional setting even if the advanced  
10 registered nurse practitioner is employed by that health care  
11 provider.

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