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HOUSE FILE 39
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to licensed physician assistants by providing for
2 coverage of services provided by such licensed physician
3 assistants under a policy, contract, or plan providing for
4 health care coverage.

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

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 514C.8 SERVICES PROVIDED BY
2 LICENSED PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS.

3 A policy, contract, or plan providing for third-party
4 payment or prepayment of health or medical expenses shall
5 include a provision for the payment of necessary medical or
6 surgical care and treatment provided by a physician assistant
7 licensed pursuant to chapters 147 and 148C, if performed
8 within the scope of the licensed physician assistant's license
9 and the policy, contract, or plan would pay for the care and
10 treatment if the care and treatment were provided by a person
11 engaged in the practice of medicine or surgery as licensed
12 under chapter 148 or 150A. The policy, contract, or plan
13 shall provide that insureds or enrollees under the policy,
14 contract, or plan may reject the coverage for services which
15 may be provided by a licensed physician assistant if the
16 coverage is rejected for all providers of similar services.
17 The terms and conditions under which physician assistant
18 services are compensated shall not contain practice or
19 supervision restrictions in addition to those already imposed
20 by law. This section applies to services provided under a
21 policy, contract, or plan issued on or after July 1, 1995, and
22 to an existing group policy, contract, or plan on the
23 anniversary or renewal date of the existing group policy,
24 contract, or plan, or upon the expiration of the applicable
25 collective bargaining contract, if any, whichever is later.
26 Notwithstanding section 514C.6, this section does not apply to
27 enrollees eligible for coverage under Title XVIII of the
28 Social Security Act or any other similar coverage under a
29 state or federal government plan.

30 EXPLANATION

31 This bill requires insurance companies and other third-
32 party payors to provide reimbursement for services provided by
33 a licensed physician assistant if reimbursement for such
34 services would be provided by a person engaged in the practice
35 of medicine or surgery as licensed under chapter 148 or 150A.