

SENATE BILL NO. 275

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:1037.1, relative to insurance coverage of the healthcare services provided by certified registered nurse anesthetists; to provide for reimbursement of services provided by a CRNA; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 22:1037.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

**§1037.1. Health insurance coverage for healthcare services performed by certified registered nurse anesthetists**

**A. For any healthcare service personally performed by a certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA) without medical direction from a physician or dentist, as billed per the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Medicare Part B regulations, and within the CRNA's lawful scope of practice, the allowed amount of reimbursement shall be no less than the allowed amount the insurer would reimburse for the same service when personally performed by a physician, regardless of billing modifier or coding designation used to identify the provider of the service.**

**B. An insurer shall not deny participation or network inclusion to a CRNA solely on the basis of provider type or licensure.**

**C. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to expand or limit the scope of practice of any licensed healthcare professional.**

1           Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall apply to any new policy, contract,  
2 program, or health coverage plan issued on or after January 1, 2027. Any policy, contract,  
3 or health coverage plan in effect prior to January 1, 2027, shall convert to conform to the  
4 provisions of this Act on or before the renewal date, but no later than January 1, 2028.

5           Section 3. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2027.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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