

By the Committee on Health Care Services and  
Representative Morse

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to health insurance; amending  
3           s. 627.419, F.S.; including physician  
4           assistants within certain benefits or services  
5           payment provisions; limiting application;  
6           providing an effective date.

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8   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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10           Section 1. Subsection (6) of section 627.419, Florida  
11   Statutes, 1996 Supplement, is amended to read:

12           627.419 Construction of policies.--

13           (6) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, when  
14   any health insurance policy, health care services plan, or  
15   other contract provides for payment for surgical first  
16   assisting benefits or services, the policy, plan, or contract  
17   is to be construed as providing for payment to a registered  
18   nurse first assistant or employers of a physician assistant or  
19   nurse first assistant who performs such services that are  
20   within the scope of a physician assistant's or a registered  
21   nurse first assistant's professional license. The provisions  
22   of this subsection apply only if reimbursement for an  
23   assisting physician, licensed under chapter 458 or chapter  
24   459, would be covered and a physician assistant or a  
25   registered nurse first assistant who performs such services is  
26   used as a substitute.

27           Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 1997.  
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