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HOUSE BILL NO. 1360

Offered January 22, 1996

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 38.2-3408 and 38.2-4221 of the Code of Virginia, relating to accident and sickness insurance; reimbursement for health services rendered by certified nurse midwives.

Patrons—McDonnell, Hamilton, Jones, J.C., Mims and Rhodes; Senator: Miller, Y.B.

Referred to Committee on Corporations, Insurance and Banking

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 38.2-3408 and 38.2-4221 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 38.2-3408. Policy providing for reimbursement for services that may be performed by certain practitioners other than physicians.

A. If an accident and sickness insurance policy provides reimbursement for any service that may be legally performed by a person licensed in this Commonwealth as a chiropractor, optometrist, optician, professional counselor, psychologist, clinical social worker, podiatrist, physical therapist, chiropodist, clinical nurse specialist who renders mental health services, audiologist or , speech pathologist or certified nurse midwife, reimbursement under the policy shall not be denied because the service is rendered by the licensed practitioner.

B. This section shall not apply to Medicaid, or any state fund.

§ 38.2-4221. Services of certain practitioners other than physicians to be covered.

A nonstock corporation shall not fail or refuse, either directly or indirectly, to allow or to pay to a subscriber for all or any part of the health services rendered by any doctor of podiatry, doctor of chiropody, optometrist, optician, chiropractor, professional counselor, psychologist, physical therapist, clinical social worker, clinical nurse specialist who renders mental health services, audiologist or , speech pathologist or certified nurse midwife licensed to practice in Virginia, if the services rendered (i) are services provided for by the subscription contract; and (ii) are services which the doctor of podiatry, doctor of chiropody, optometrist, optician, chiropractor, professional counselor, psychologist, physical therapist, clinical social worker, clinical nurse specialist who renders mental health services, audiologist or , speech pathologist or certified nurse midwife is licensed to render in this Commonwealth.