

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 275

BY SENATOR MYERS

HEALTH/ACC INSURANCE. Provides for reimbursement rates of services provided by CRNAs within their lawful scope of practice. (1/1/27)

1 AN ACT

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

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

8 **§1037.1. Health insurance coverage for healthcare services performed by**
9 **certified registered nurse anesthetists**

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

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

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

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

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

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

SB 275 Engrossed

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Proposed law requires health insurers to reimburse certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNA) for services performed without medical direction from a physician or dentist and within the lawful scope of a CRNA's practice at no less than the same amount the insurer reimburses a physician for the same service.

Proposed law does not change the scope of practice.

Effective January 1, 2027.

(Adds R.S. 22:1037.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Insurance to the original bill

1. Limit applicability to services performed without medical direction from a physician or dentist.
2. Clarify legislation does not change the scope of practice of any licensed healthcare professional.