

SENATE BILL NO. 275

BY SENATORS MYERS, BARROW, BASS, BOUDREAUX, CATHEY, HARRIS, HENRY, JACKSON-ANDREWS, LUNEAU, OWEN AND WOMACK AND REPRESENTATIVES BAGLEY, CHASSION, FIRMENT, GALLE, GLORIOSO, HEBERT, CHANCE HENRY, DANA HENRY, ILLG, JORDAN, MELERINE, MENA, MURRAY AND PHELPS

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.**

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

20 **C. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to expand or limit the scope**
21 **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.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____