

1 AN ACT concerning insurance.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Illinois Insurance Code is amended by
5 adding Section 356z.1 as follows:

6 (215 ILCS 5/356z.1 new)

7 Sec. 356z.1. Surgical assistants. A group or individual
8 policy of accident and health insurance amended, delivered,
9 issued, or renewed after the effective date of this
10 amendatory Act of the 92nd General Assembly that provides
11 coverage for health care services, including surgical
12 services, must provide coverage for services rendered by an
13 assistant in surgery authorized or credentialed by a hospital
14 or ambulatory surgical treatment center to provide surgical
15 assistance to a physician licensed to practice medicine in
16 all its branches. An assistant in surgery may be a physician
17 licensed to practice medicine in all its branches, a
18 physician assistant, an advanced practice registered nurse, a
19 registered professional nurse, or a nationally certified
20 surgical assistant or nationally certified first assistant.

21 Section 10. The Health Maintenance Organization Act is
22 amended by changing Section 4-6.5 as follows:

23 (215 ILCS 125/4-6.5)

24 Sec. 4-6.5. Required health benefits. A health
25 maintenance organization is subject to the provisions of
26 Sections 356t, and 356u, and 356z.1 of the Illinois Insurance
27 Code.

28 (Source: P.A. 90-7, eff. 6-10-97.)

1 Section 15. The Voluntary Health Services Plans Act is
2 amended by changing Section 10 as follows:

3 (215 ILCS 165/10) (from Ch. 32, par. 604)

4 Sec. 10. Application of Insurance Code provisions.
5 Health services plan corporations and all persons interested
6 therein or dealing therewith shall be subject to the
7 provisions of Articles IIA and XII 1/2 and Sections 3.1, 133,
8 140, 143, 143c, 149, 354, 355.2, 356r, 356t, 356u, 356v,
9 356w, 356x, 356y, 356z.1, 367.2, 368a, 401, 401.1, 402, 403,
10 403A, 408, 408.2, and 412, and paragraphs (7) and (15) of
11 Section 367 of the Illinois Insurance Code.

12 (Source: P.A. 90-7, eff. 6-10-97; 90-25, eff. 1-1-98; 90-655,
13 eff. 7-30-98; 90-741, eff. 1-1-99; 91-406, eff. 1-1-00;
14 91-549, eff. 8-14-99; 91-605, eff. 12-14-99; 91-788, eff.
15 6-9-00.)

16 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
17 becoming law.