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House of Representatives, February 20, 2003

An Act To Clarify the Assignment of Provider Identification Numbers to Nurse Practitioners

Reference to the Committee on Insurance and Financial Services suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. MacFarland
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND
Clerk

Presented by Representative SHIELDS of Auburn.
Cosponsored by Representatives: DUGAY of Cherryfield, O'NEIL of Saco.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §4303, sub-§5. as enacted by PL 1999, c.
4 396, §5 and affected by §7, is amended to read:

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**5. Identification of services provided by certified nurse
practitioners and certified nurse midwives.** All claims for
8 coverage of services provided by certified nurse practitioners
and certified nurse midwives must identify the certified nurse
10 practitioners and certified nurse midwives who provided those
services. A carrier offering a health plan in this State shall
12 assign identification numbers or codes to certified nurse
practitioners and certified nurse midwives who provide covered
14 services for enrollees covered under that plan. A claim
submitted for payment to a carrier by a health care provider or
16 facility must include the identification number or code of the
certified nurse practitioner or certified nurse midwife who
18 provided the service and--may--not--be--submitted--using--the
~~identification-number-or-code-of-a-physician-or-other-health-care~~
20 ~~provider-who-did-not-provide-the-covered-service.~~

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SUMMARY

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This bill clarifies that the law directing health insurance
26 carriers to issue provider identification numbers to certified
nurse practitioners and certified nurse midwives does not mandate
28 specific methods of submitting a claim or prohibit any methods of
submitting a claim that may be negotiated among carriers and
30 providers.