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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to health insurance; amending  
s. 627.419, F.S.; including physician  
assistants within certain benefits or services  
payment provisions; providing an effective  
date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (6) of section 627.419, Florida  
Statutes, is amended to read:

627.419 Construction of policies.--

(6) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, when  
any health insurance policy, health care services plan, or  
other contract provides for payment for surgical first  
assisting benefits or services, the policy, plan, or contract  
is to be construed as providing for payment to a physician  
assistant or a registered nurse first assistant who performs  
such services that are within the scope of a physician  
assistant's or a registered nurse first assistant's  
professional license.

Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 1997.

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HOUSE SUMMARY

Includes physician assistants within provisions providing  
for payment for surgical first assisting benefits or  
services. See bill for details.