



**House  
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**NURSE MIDWIFE COVERAGE**

**House Bills 4128-4129  
Sponsor: Rep. Perry Bullard  
Committee: Insurance**

**Complete to 2-15-91**

**A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILLS 4128-4129 AS INTRODUCED 2-7-91**

The bills would require that group and nongroup health insurance that provides coverage for maternity services provide coverage for those services whether performed by a physician or a nurse midwife acting within the scope of his or her license.

House Bill 4128 would amend the Insurance Code (MCL 500.3406f and 3616b) to apply to expense-incurred hospital, medical, or surgical policies, or indemnity policies, of commercial health insurance companies. House Bill 4129 would amend the Nonprofit Health Care Corporation Reform Act (MCL 550.1416b) to apply to certificates and conversion certificates of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan. The bills would apply to coverage effective January 1, 1992.

The term "nurse midwife" refers to a person licensed as a registered professional nurse under the Public Health Code who has been issued a specialty certification in the practice of midwifery by the board of nursing.