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NURSE MIDWIFE COVERAGE

House Bills 4714 and 4715
Sponsor: Rep. Lynne Martinez
Committee: Insurance

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILLS 4714 AND 4715 AS INTRODUCED 4-25-95

The bills would, in general, require health insurance policies that cover maternity services to provide coverage for such services whether performed by a physician or a nurse midwife acting within the scope of his or her license. (The requirement would be effective July 1, 1996.) The term "nurse midwife" would refer to a person licensed as a professional nurse midwife under Part 172 of the Public Health Code who had been issued a specialty certification in the practice of nurse midwifery by the state's board of nursing.

House Bill 4714 would amend the Insurance Code (MCL 500.3406f) to apply to an expense-incurred hospital, medical, or surgical policy or conversion policy, or indemnity policy of a commercial insurer. House Bill 4715 would amend the Nonprofit Health Care Corporation Act (MCL 550.1416b) to apply to group and nongroup certificates, and conversion certificates, of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan.

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