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S 685. HEALTH INSURANCE/PHYS. ASSISTANTS. *TO CLARIFY THAT TREATMENT OR SERVICES RENDERED BY PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS SHALL BE REIMBURSABLE UNDER THE STATE HEALTH PLAN AND OTHER HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.* Amends GS 58-50-26, 58-50-30, and 58-50-56(j) (all with respect to health insurance policies generally), GS 58-65-36 and 58-65-1 (both with respect to hospital, medical, and dental service corporations), and GS 135-40.6 and 135-40.7B (both with respect to the state employees' comprehensive major medical plan) to provide that no agency, institution, or physician providing a service for which payment or reimbursement is required shall be denied payment or reimbursement on account of the fact that the services were rendered by a physician assistant, so long as the physician assistant was acting under the rules of the North Carolina Medical Board, the service was within the scope of practice of a physician assistant as prescribed by that board, the policy provides reimbursement for identical services if performed by other licensed health care providers, and the reimbursement is made to the physician, clinic, agency, or institution employing the physician assistant. Effective Jan. 1, 2000; applies to services rendered on or after that date.

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S 685. HEALTH INSURANCE/PHYS. ASSISTANTS. Intro. 04/01/99. House committee substitute changes 1st edition to make GS 135-40.6 and GS 135-40.7B(c) applicable not only to physician assistants practicing within the scope of GS 90-18.1, but also physician assistants acting pursuant to applicable laws and rules of the area in which the physician assistant is licensed or certified.