



Kentucky- Health Insurance Coverage for Surgical Assistants

KRS § 304.17A-147

Kentucky Revised Statutes; Title XXV. Business and Financial Institutions; Chapter 304. Insurance Code; Subtitle. Health Benefit Plans; Miscellaneous Provisions

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History: 2000 c 538, § 3, eff. 7-14-00

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304.17A-1473 Coverage for surgical first assisting or intraoperative surgical care to include services performed by certified surgical assistant or physician assistant

Notwithstanding any provision of law, a health benefit plan issued or renewed on or after July 15, 2001, that provides coverage for surgical first assisting or intraoperative surgical care benefits or services shall be construed as providing coverage for a certified surgical assistant or physician assistant who performs services as identified in Kentucky Revised Statutes 216B.015(15)*.

History: 2001 c 36, § 3, eff. 6-21-01

*216B.015 (15): "Intraoperative surgical care" includes the practice of surgical assisting in which the certified surgical assistant or physician assistant is working under the direction of the operating physician as a first or second assist, and which may include the following procedures:

- (a) Positioning the patient;
- (b) Preparing and draping the patient for the operative procedure;
- (c) Observing the operative site during the operative procedure;
- (d) Providing the best possible exposure of the anatomy incident to the operative procedure;
- (e) Assisting in closure of incisions and wound dressings; and
- (f) Performing any task, within the role of an unlicensed assistive person or if the assistant is a physician assistant, performing any task within the role of a physician assistant, as required by the operating physician incident to the particular procedure being performed;