

104<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 1339

To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide for mandatory coverage of services furnished by nurse practitioners and clinical nurse specialists under State medicaid plans.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 28, 1995

Mr. RICHARDSON (for himself, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. FROST, Mr. McHALE, Ms. RIVERS, Mr. VENTO, Mr. MINGE, Mrs. LOWEY, Ms. PELOSI, Ms. LOFGREN, and Mr. DELLUMS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. MEDICAID COVERAGE OF SERVICES FUR-**  
2 **NISHED BY CERTIFIED NURSE PRACTITION-**  
3 **ERS AND CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALISTS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1905(a)(21) of the Social  
5 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d(a)(21)) is amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 “(21) services furnished by a certified nurse  
8 practitioner (as defined by the Secretary) or a clini-  
9 cal nurse specialist (as defined in subsection (t))  
10 which the certified nurse practitioner or clinical  
11 nurse specialist is legally authorized to perform  
12 under State law (or the State regulatory mechanism  
13 provided by State law), whether or not the certified  
14 nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist is  
15 under the supervision of, or associated with, a physi-  
16 cian or other health care provider;”.

17 (b) DEFINITION OF CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST.—  
18 Section 1905 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d) is amended  
19 by adding at the end the following new subsection:

20 “(t) The term ‘clinical nurse specialist’ means an in-  
21 dividual who has earned a master’s degree in a clinical  
22 area of nursing from an accredited institution and who  
23 is a registered nurse licensed to practice nursing in the  
24 State in which the individual furnishes services.”.

25 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
26 subsections (a) and (b) shall apply to calendar quarters

1 beginning on or after January 1, 1996, without regard  
2 to whether or not final regulations to carry out such  
3 amendments have been promulgated by such date.

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