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RNFA Reimbursement Bill Language

Following is possible language for AORN members to use within their own states as they pursue RNFA Reimbursement. While written in legislative ‘bill’ format, it may be used for bill language, regulations, or for use in insurance or public health codes. Each state will need to determine where best to pursue language changes with respect to reimbursement for RNFA services.

Every Health Insurance Plan that provides reimbursement for first assistant at surgery services when rendered by a non-physician shall not deny equitable reimbursement for first assistant at surgery services when rendered by a registered nurse first assistant.

“Health Insurance Plan” means a hospital, health, or medical expense insurance policy, a hospital or medical service contract, an employee welfare benefit plan, a health maintenance organization subscriber agreement, a health and accident insurance policy, and any other insurance contract of this type, including a group insurance plan and a self-insurance plan that provides coverage for medical and surgical benefits.

For additional information on RNFA Scope and Qualifications and Reimbursement laws by state, please visit AORN’s website at

http://www.aorn.org/Advocacy/Issues_and_Initiatives/Legislative_Priorities/Registered_Nurse_First_Assistant.aspx.

If you are seeking to introduce a RNFA reimbursement bill in your state, please first contact AORN government affairs director [Amy Hader](#) for assistance.

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