

SENATE NO. 627

AN ACT RELATIVE TO REDUCING THE COST OF HEALTH CARE THROUGH PARITY FOR THE SAME SERVICES

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled,
And by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 10 of chapter 176O of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended, by inserting the following new subsection at the end thereof:

3 (d) Notwithstanding any provision of any individual or group policy or accident and health
4 insurance, or any provision of a policy, contract, plan or agreement for hospital or medical service or
5 indemnity, wherever such policy, contract, plan or agreement provides for reimbursement for any
6 service which is in the lawful scope of practice of a duly licensed physician, dentist, psychologist,
7 podiatrist, osteopath, optometrist, chiropractor or other health care provider, the person entitled to
8 benefits or the person performing services under the policy, contract, plan or agreement shall be
9 entitled to reimbursement at an equitable and the lowest rate for such service, whether the service is
10 performed by a physician, dentist, psychologist, podiatrist, osteopath, optometrist, chiropractor or
11 other health care provider duly licensed under the laws of this commonwealth.”