



**Medi-Cal Billing  
Certified Nurse Practitioner  
Nationally Certified in a Specialty  
Effective January 1, 2007**

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AB 1591 (Chan) Chapter 719 amends Section 14132.41 of the Welfare and Institutions Code

14132.1 (a) Services provided by a certified nurse practitioner shall be covered under this chapter to the extent authorized by federal law, and subject to utilization controls. The department shall permit a certified nurse practitioner to bill Medi-Cal independently for his or her services. If a certified nurse practitioner chooses to bill Medi-Cal independently for his or her service, the department shall make payment directly to the certified nurse practitioner. (b) For purposes of this section, "certified" means nationally board certified in a recognized specialty.

Existing law provides for the Medi-Cal program, which is administered by the State Department of Health Services, pursuant to which medical benefits are provided to the public assistance recipients and certain low-income persons. Existing law provides that services provided by a certified nurse practitioner are covered under Medi-Cal program to the extent mandated by federal law, and requires the department to permit a certified family nurse practitioner or certified pediatric nurse practitioner to bill Medi-Cal independently for his or her services.