

**304.18-095 Indemnity payable for services performed by optometrists, osteopaths, physicians, chiropractors, or podiatrists.**

- (1) When any policy or group insurance or blanket health insurance issued in this state provides for reimbursement for any service which is within the lawful scope of practice of an optometrist duly licensed as provided in KRS Chapter 320, the insured or other person entitled to benefits under such policy shall be entitled to reimbursement for such services, whether such services are performed by a duly licensed physician, osteopath, or optometrist, notwithstanding any provision contained in such policy, or if the policy so provides, payment may be made directly to the provider of the services.
- (2) When any policy or group insurance or blanket health insurance issued in this state provides for reimbursement for any service which is within the lawful scope of practice of a chiropractor duly licensed under KRS Chapter 312, the insured or other person entitled to benefits under such policy shall be entitled to reimbursement for such services, whether such services are performed by a duly licensed physician, osteopath, or chiropractor, notwithstanding any provision contained in such policy; or if the policy so provides, payment may be made directly to the provider of the services.
- (3) When any policy of group insurance or blanket health insurance issued in this state provides for reimbursement for any service which is within the lawful scope of practice of a podiatrist duly licensed under KRS Chapter 311, the insured or other person entitled to benefits under that policy shall be entitled to reimbursement for those services, whether those services are performed by a duly licensed physician, osteopath, chiropractor, or podiatrist, notwithstanding any provision contained in the policy, or if the policy so provides, payment may be made directly to the provider of the services.

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