§ 890.702 Payment to any licensed practitioner.

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, if a contract between the Office of Personnel Management and a group health insurance carrier offering a health benefits plan subject to this subpart provides for payment or reimbursement of the cost of health services for the care and treatment of a particular health condition only if such service is rendered by a certain category of practitioner, the plan must also provide benefits, up to the limits of its contract, for the same service when rendered and billed for by any other individual who is licensed under applicable State law to provide such service, if the service is provided to an enrollee of the plan in a medically underserved area as defined by this subpart.

(b) Paragraph (a) of this section applies only to health services provided under contracts which became effective after December 31, 1979.

§ 890.801 Introduction.

This subpart sets forth policies and procedures for obtaining health benefits coverage that are unique to former spouses of Federal employees and retirees.

§ 890.802 Definition.

In this subpart, a Qualifying court order means a court order acceptable for processing as defined in § 838.103 of this chapter or qualifying court order as defined in § 838.1003 of this chapter.