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SYNOPSIS

Requires Medicaid managed care organizations to meet certain conditions prior to reducing reimbursement rates for personal care assistant services and home-based supportive care services.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 AN ACT concerning Medicaid managed care organizations and
2 supplementing Title 30 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation to the contrary,
8 a health maintenance organization that contracts with the Division
9 of Medical Assistance and Health Services in the Department of
10 Human Services to provide benefits under a managed care plan to
11 persons who are eligible for Medicaid shall not reduce
12 reimbursement rates for personal care assistant services or home
13 based supportive care services, as those services are defined by
14 regulation or in the contract with the division, under the health
15 maintenance organization's Medicaid managed care plan, unless the
16 health maintenance organization notifies the division, in writing, at
17 least 90 days before the effective date of such changes. Such notice
18 shall be accompanied by written assurance that the reduction will
19 not reduce sufficient provider access or quality of service as
20 required by the contract with the division.

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22 2. This act shall take effect immediately, and shall apply to any
23 contract that a health maintenance organization has entered into
24 with the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services in the
25 Department of Human Services to provide benefits under a
26 managed care plan to persons who are eligible for medical
27 assistance under P.L.1968, c.413 (C.30:4D-1 et seq.) which is
28 executed on or after the effective date of this act.

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STATEMENT

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33 This bill requires Medicaid managed care organizations to meet
34 certain conditions prior to reducing reimbursement rates for
35 personal care assistant services and home-based supportive care
36 services.

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38 Under the provisions of this bill, a Medicaid managed care
39 organization is not to reduce reimbursement rates for personal care
40 assistant services or home-based supportive care services unless the
41 health maintenance organization notifies the Division of Medical
42 Assistance and Health Services, in writing, at least 90 days before
43 the effective date of such changes. The notice is required to be
44 accompanied by written assurance that the reduction will not reduce
45 sufficient provider access or quality of service as required by the
contract with the division.