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SYNOPSIS

Establishes minimum Medicaid reimbursement rate for personal care services.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As amended on July 31, 2017 by the General Assembly pursuant to the Governor's recommendations.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 8/1/2017)

1 AN ACT concerning Medicaid reimbursement for personal care
2 services and 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. The hourly reimbursement rate for personal care services
8 within the Medicaid program established pursuant to P.L.1968,
9 c.413 (C.30:4D-1 et seq.), whether the services are provided in the
10 Medicaid fee-for-service delivery system or through a managed care
11 delivery system, shall be no less than ¹[\$15.50 per hour] the
12 established State Medicaid fee-for-service rate¹ ²], except that this
13 amount shall be adjusted on July 1 of every fifth calendar year
14 following the effective date of this act in direct proportion to the
15 rise or fall in the Consumer Price Indices average for all urban wage
16 earners for the New York metropolitan and the Philadelphia
17 metropolitan regions as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics
18 of the United States Department of Labor during the last full
19 calendar year preceding the date upon which the adjustment is
20 made.]. Any and all rate increases realized pursuant to this section
21 shall be used solely to increase wages for workers who directly
22 provide personal care services.²

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24 ²2. Every provider that receives reimbursement for personal care
25 services pursuant to a Medicaid managed care contract shall
26 annually provide a report to the Division of Medical Assistance and
27 Health Services in the Department of Human Services regarding the
28 use of funds received as reimbursement for personal care services,
29 including assurances that the increased funds received pursuant to
30 section 1 of P.L. c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as
31 this bill) are being used exclusively for salary increases for workers
32 who directly provide personal care services and detailed data on the
33 salary increases resulting from section 1 of P.L. c. (C.)
34 (pending before the Legislature as this bill); including the prior
35 salary, current salary, and other changes to the salary of the workers
36 who directly provide personal care services.²

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38 ²[2.] ³3.² This act shall take effect ²[immediately] July 1,
39 2018², and shall apply to services provided on or after the effective
40 date of this act and to any Medicaid managed care contract executed
41 or renewed on or after the effective date of this act.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly AHU committee amendments adopted May 19, 2016.

²Assembly amendments adopted in accordance with Governor's recommendations July 31, 2017.