

# ASSEMBLY, No. 1951

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**SYNOPSIS**

Provides for unlimited length of stay in special care nursing facilities for certain Medicaid recipients.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/13/1999)**

1 AN ACT concerning special care nursing facilities and supplementing  
2 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. a. A Medicaid recipient may continue to be eligible to reside  
8 in a special care nursing facility without a limitation on length of stay  
9 if the recipient continues to reside in a special care nursing facility of  
10 40 beds or less and develops skills leading toward a more independent  
11 life and continues to benefit from active participation in the following:  
12 community involvement, continuing education, employment in the  
13 community, sheltered workshop, extended rehabilitation, complex care  
14 and vocational training.

15 b. As used in this act, "special care nursing facility" means a  
16 nursing facility or separate and distinct special care nursing facility unit  
17 within a Medicaid-certified conventional nursing facility which has  
18 been approved by the Division of Medical Assistance and Health  
19 Services in the Department of Human Services to provide care to New  
20 Jersey Medicaid recipients who require specialized nursing facility  
21 services beyond the scope of a conventional nursing facility.

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23 2. In accordance with the "Administrative Procedure Act,"  
24 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), the Director of the Division of  
25 Medical Assistance and Health Services in the Department of Human  
26 Services shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to effectuate  
27 the purposes of this act.

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29 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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32 STATEMENT

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34 This bill permits a Medicaid recipient to continue to be eligible for  
35 a special care nursing facility without a limitation on length of stay if  
36 the recipient continues to reside in a special care nursing facility of 40  
37 beds or less and develops skills leading toward a more independent life  
38 and continues to benefit from active participation in the following:  
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40 community, sheltered workshop, extended rehabilitation, complex care  
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