

SENATE SENIOR CITIZENS, VETERANS' AFFAIRS
AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1012

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 21, 1999

The Senate Senior Citizens, Veterans' Affairs and Human Services Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 1012.

As amended by the committee, this bill permits a Medicaid recipient to continue to be eligible for a special care nursing facility without a limitation on length of stay if the recipient continues to reside in a special care nursing facility of 40 beds or less and develops skills leading toward a more independent life and continues to benefit from active participation in the following: community involvement, continuing education, employment in the community, sheltered workshop, extended rehabilitation, complex care and vocational training.

Under the provisions of the bill, "special care nursing facility" means a nursing facility or separate and distinct special care nursing facility unit within a Medicaid-certified conventional nursing facility which has been approved by the Department of Health and Senior Services to provide care to New Jersey Medicaid recipients who require specialized nursing facility services beyond the scope of a conventional nursing facility.

The committee adopted an amendment to reflect the change in responsibility for special care nursing facilities from the Department of Human Services to the Department of Health and Senior Services.

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