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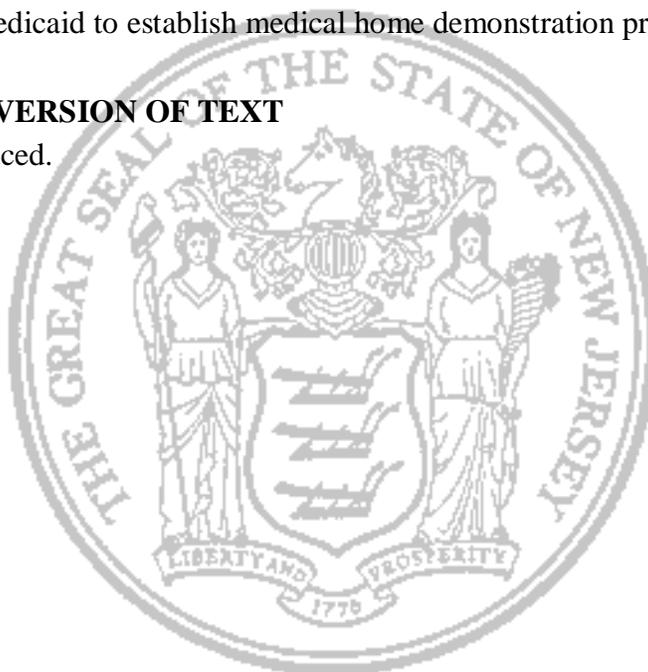
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SYNOPSIS

Directs Medicaid to establish medical home demonstration project.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning the Medicaid program and supplementing
2 P.L.1968, c.413 (C.30:4D-1 et seq.).

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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 Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services in
8 the Department of Human Services, subject to federal approval and
9 the availability of federal financial participation under Title XIX of
10 the Social Security Act, shall establish a three-year Medicaid
11 medical home demonstration project as provided in this act. The
12 demonstration project shall be developed in consultation and
13 implemented with the managed care organizations that contract with
14 the Medicaid program to provide health care services to Medicaid
15 recipients.

16 The Medicaid program shall:

17 a. Restructure its payment system to support primary care
18 practices that use a medical home model. The program shall
19 consider payment methodologies that support care-coordination
20 through multi-disciplinary teams, including payment for care of
21 patients with chronic diseases and the elderly, and that encourage
22 services such as: (1) patient or family education for patients with
23 chronic diseases; (2) home-based services; (3) telephonic
24 communication; (4) group care; and (5) culturally and linguistically
25 appropriate care. The payment system shall be structured to reward
26 quality and improved patient outcomes.

27 b. Develop a system to support primary care providers in
28 developing an organizational structure necessary to provide a
29 medical home.

30 c. Identify primary care practices for participation in the
31 demonstration project that provide care to their patients using a
32 medical home model, which at a minimum shall include primary
33 care practices with a multi-specialty team that provides patient-
34 centered care coordination through the use of health information
35 technology and chronic disease registries across the patient's life-
36 span and across all domains of the health care system and the
37 patient's community.

38 d. As used in this act, "Medicaid" means the Medicaid program
39 established pursuant to P.L.1968, c.413 (C.30:4D-1 et seq.).

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41 2. The Director of the Division of Medical Assistance and
42 Health Services shall evaluate the demonstration project annually to
43 assess: whether cost savings are achieved through implementation
44 of the medical home project; the rates of health screening; and the
45 outcomes and hospitalization rates for persons with chronic
46 illnesses, and the hospitalization and readmission rates for the frail
47 elderly.

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1 across the patient's life-span and across all domains of the
2 health care system and the patient's community.

3 The bill provides that the Director of the Division of Medical
4 Assistance and Health Services, which administers the Medicaid
5 program, shall evaluate the demonstration project annually to
6 assess: (1) whether cost savings are achieved through
7 implementation of the medical home project; (2) the rates of health
8 screening; and (3) the outcomes and hospitalization rates for
9 persons with chronic illnesses, and the hospitalization and
10 readmission rates for the frail elderly.

11 The director shall report annually to the Governor, and to the
12 Legislature on his findings and recommendations of the
13 demonstration project.

14 The bill takes effect on the 180th day after enactment and expires
15 three years after the effective date, but the Commissioner of Human
16 Services is authorized to take such anticipatory administrative
17 action in advance thereof as shall be necessary for the
18 implementation of the bill.