

ASSEMBLY HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 4229

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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The Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 4229.

This bill authorizes the use by prescribers of electronic health record (EHR) programs to print New Jersey Prescription Blanks for transmission to a pharmacist.

Specifically, the bill provides that a practitioner or health care facility licensed in New Jersey may utilize an EHR program to imprint on a blank New Jersey Prescription Blank the practitioner's name and license number or the unique provider number assigned to a health care facility for transmission to a pharmacist, provided that:

- the EHR program will imprint on the blank form all such identifying information about the prescriber as is required by regulation of the Director of the Division of Consumer Affairs in the Department of Law and Public Safety; and
- the blank form:
 - is obtained from a vendor approved by the Division of Consumer Affairs;
 - bears an identifiable logo or symbol approved by the division; and
 - bears a preprinted serial number as specified by the division.

The bill takes effect on the 180th day after enactment, but authorizes the Director of the Division of Consumer Affairs to take anticipatory administrative action in advance as necessary for its implementation.