

SENATE, No. 2139

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SYNOPSIS

Makes supplemental appropriation of \$7,453,000 for Women's Health and Family Planning Services for State fiscal year 2010-2011 and requires filing of application for expansion of Medicaid coverage for family planning services.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/25/2010)

1 AN ACT amending and supplementing the Fiscal Year 2011 annual
2 appropriations act, P.L.2010, c. .

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4 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and the General Assembly of the
5 State of New Jersey:

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7 1. In addition to the amounts appropriated under P.L.2010, c. ,
8 the annual appropriations act for State fiscal year 2011, there is
9 appropriated out of the General Fund the following sum for the
10 purpose specified:
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46 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES

20 Physical and Mental Health

21 Health Services

GRANTS-IN-AID

02-4220 Family Health Services	\$7,453,000
Total Grants-in-Aid Appropriation, Health Services	\$7,453,000

Grants-in-Aid:

02 Women's Health and Family Planning Services	(\$7,453,000)
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14 2. The following language provisions in section 1 of P.L.2010,
15 c. , the annual appropriations act for State fiscal year 2011, are
16 amended to read as follows:
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54 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

20 Physical and Mental Health

24 Special Health Services

7540 Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services

DIRECT STATE SERVICES

18 The amounts hereinabove appropriated for Health Services
19 Administration and Management shall be conditioned upon the
20 following: Pursuant to federal law, the Department of Human
21 Services shall submit a State Plan Amendment to the federal
22 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to implement the
23 Medicaid state option to expand Medicaid coverage for family
24 planning services to individuals whose income is up to 200% of
25 the federal poverty level.
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27 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010 but remain inoperable
28 until the date of enactment of P.L.2010, c. (the annual
29 appropriation act for the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2011.)

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.

STATEMENT

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3 This bill expands the availability of family planning services in
4 State fiscal year 2010-2011. The legislation accomplishes that
5 important objective by making a supplemental appropriation of
6 \$7,453,000 for Women's Health and Family Planning Services for
7 fiscal year 2011 and by requiring the State to seek permission from
8 the federal government to expand coverage for family planning
9 services under the Medicaid program.

10 Supplemental Appropriation for Women's Health and Family
11 Planning Services: In fiscal year 2010, the State appropriated
12 \$7,590,000 for grants to organizations providing family planning
13 services. The appropriations act for State fiscal year 2011
14 irresponsibly eliminates that funding, thereby severely impairing
15 New Jerseyans' access to vital health care services. The
16 supplemental appropriation now ensures that the State makes
17 adequate resources available to individuals looking for services
18 related to family planning, such as information and counseling on
19 reproductive choices and birth control methods; comprehensive
20 physicals and health screenings; pelvic and breast exams; pregnancy
21 testing; the diagnosis and treatment of sexually transmitted
22 diseases; AIDS testing and counseling; prenatal substance abuse
23 programs; colposcopy, cryotherapy, and loop electrosurgical
24 excision procedures; and adolescent risk reduction counseling.

25 Medicaid Coverage Expansion for Family Planning Services: In
26 New Jersey, Medicaid currently provides family planning services
27 to individuals whose income is no more than 133 percent of the
28 federal poverty level. This bill requires the State to submit the
29 necessary application to the federal government so that individuals
30 with incomes of up to 200 percent of the federal poverty level can
31 receive family planning services under the Medicaid program. If
32 successful, New Jersey would make cost-effective family planning
33 services available to more low-income individuals.

34 The recently enacted federal health care reform law created a
35 state option to provide Medicaid coverage for family planning
36 services to individuals with income up to 200 percent of the federal
37 poverty level. By adopting this Medicaid state option, New Jersey
38 would receive \$9 in federal reimbursement for every additional \$1
39 the State spends for family planning services provided through the
40 Medicaid program.

41 Previously, states that sought to expand family planning services
42 to these low-income individuals were required to apply for and
43 obtain a Medicaid waiver. The waiver, however, was difficult to
44 obtain, was only valid for a limited number of years, and had to be
45 renewed periodically. New Jersey sought such a waiver but the
46 federal government has never approved the State's request.