STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint] ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

ASSEMBLY, No. 5499

with Senate Floor Amendments (Proposed by Senator POU)

ADOPTED: JUNE 27, 2019

These amendments provide that the Department of Banking and Insurance is required to coordinate the operations of the State-based exchange with the operations of the State Medicaid program and the NJ FamilyCare Program to determine eligibility for those programs as soon as practicable. This provision is intended to ensure that Medicaid eligibility determinations are being made on the exchange as soon as possible.

The amendments also require the Commissioner of Human Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance, to submit a proposal for available federal financial participation funds to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to 42 C.F.R. 433.112 for the Medicaid eligibility platform and the exchange to be integrated. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Department of Banking and Insurance may proceed to implement the provisions of the bill, including the operation of the State-based exchange.