

ASSEMBLY, No. 5503

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Establishes open enrollment period under Individual Health Coverage Program.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning open enrollment periods for certain health
2 benefits plans and supplementing P.L.1992, c.161 (C.17B:27A-2
3 et seq.).
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*
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8 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, rule or
9 regulation to the contrary, the board of the New Jersey Individual
10 Health Coverage Program established pursuant to section 9 of
11 P.L.1992, c.161 (C.17B:27A-10) shall establish, by regulation, an
12 annual open enrollment period during which time individuals are
13 permitted to enroll in an individual health benefits plan and
14 individuals who already have coverage may replace current
15 coverage. During any plan year in which the State is on the
16 federally-facilitated exchange, the annual open enrollment period
17 shall conform to federal requirements, unless the State is permitted
18 to offer a longer open enrollment period. During any plan year in
19 which the State operates a State-based exchange, the open
20 enrollment period shall be set by New Jersey's State-based
21 exchange and shall not be less than 90 days.
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23 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to
24 individual health benefits plans issued or renewed on or after that
25 date.
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28 STATEMENT
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30 This bill establishes one limited open enrollment period in the
31 New Jersey Individual Health Coverage Program. The bill provides
32 the open enrollment period to be set by the program's board
33 consistent with federal law, unless the State operates a State-based
34 exchange, in which case the open enrollment period may be set by
35 the exchange.

36 The bill takes effect immediately and would apply to individual
37 health benefits plans issued or renewed on or after that date.