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SYNOPSIS
Requires DHS to ensure medication assisted treatment benefits under Medicaid program are provided without the imposition of prior authorization requirements.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT
As reported by the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee on February 7, 2019, with amendments.
AN ACT concerning medication assisted treatment for substance use disorders and supplementing P.L.1968, c.413 (C.30:4D-1 et seq.).

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

1. a. Notwithstanding any State law or regulation to the contrary, the Department of Human Services shall ensure that the provision of benefits for medication assisted treatment to eligible persons receiving services funded by the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services in the Department of Human Services as established pursuant to P.L.1968, c.413 (C.30:4D-1 et seq.), shall be provided without the imposition of any prior authorization requirements, provided that the treatment is prescribed or administered by a licensed medical practitioner who is authorized to prescribe methadone, buprenorphine, and naltrexone and provided by a licensed health care professional or a licensed or certified substance use disorder provider in a licensed or otherwise State-approved facility, as required by the laws of the state in which the treatment is rendered or administer that treatment pursuant to State and federal law.

b. As used in this Act:

“Medication assisted treatment” means the use of any medications approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration to treat substance use disorders, including, but not limited to, methadone, buprenorphine, naltrexone, or combinations of buprenorphine and naloxone, to provide a comprehensive approach to the treatment of substance use disorders.

“Substance use disorder” is as defined by the American Psychiatric Association in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fifth Edition and any subsequent editions and shall include substance use withdrawal.

2. The Commissioner of Human Services shall apply for such State plan amendments or waivers as may be necessary to implement the provisions of this act and to secure federal financial participation for State Medicaid expenditures under the federal Medicaid program.

3. The Commissioner of Human Services, pursuant to the

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.
Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:
Senate SHH committee amendments adopted February 7, 2019.
"Administrative Procedure Act," P.L. 1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), shall adopt rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this act.

4. This act shall take effect on the 90th day next following the date of enactment.