

P.L. 2020, CHAPTER 7, *approved March 20, 2020*
Assembly, No. 3843

1 AN ACT concerning health insurance and Medicaid coverage and
2 coronavirus disease 2019 and supplementing P.L.1968, c.413
3 (C.30:4D-1 et seq.) and P.L.1997, c.192 (C.26:2S-1 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. a. During the Public Health Emergency and State of
9 Emergency declared by the Governor in Executive Order 103 of
10 2020, the State Medicaid and NJ FamilyCare programs shall
11 provide coverage and payment for expenses incurred in:

12 (1) the testing for coronavirus disease 2019, provided that a
13 licensed medical practitioner has issued a medical order for that
14 testing; and

15 (2) the delivery of health care services through telemedicine or
16 telehealth in accordance with the provisions of P.L.2017, c.117
17 (C.45:1-61 et al.).

18 b. The coverage shall be provided to the same extent as for any
19 other health care services, except that no cost-sharing shall be
20 imposed on the coverage provided pursuant to this section.

21 c. The Commissioner of Human Services shall apply for such
22 State plan amendments or waivers as may be necessary to
23 implement the provisions of this act and to secure federal financial
24 participation for State Medicaid expenditures under the federal
25 Medicaid program.
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27 2. a. During the Public Health Emergency and State of
28 Emergency declared by the Governor in Executive Order 103 of
29 2020, a carrier that offers a health benefits plan in this State shall
30 provide coverage and payment for expenses incurred in:

31 (1) the testing of coronavirus disease 2019, provided that a
32 health care professional in accordance with the provisions of
33 P.L.2017, c.117 (C.45:1-61 et al.) has issued a medical order for the
34 testing; and

35 (2) any health care services delivered to a covered person
36 through telemedicine or telehealth in accordance with the
37 provisions of P.L.2017, c.117 (C.45:1-61 et al.).

38 b. The coverage shall be provided to the same extent as for any
39 other health care services under the health benefits plan, except that
40 no cost-sharing shall be imposed on the coverage provided pursuant
41 to this section.

42 c. As used in this section, "carrier," means an insurance
43 company, health service corporation, hospital service corporation,
44 medical service corporation, or health maintenance organization

1 authorized to issue health benefits plans in this State, and shall
2 include the State Health Benefits Program and the School
3 Employees' Health Benefits Program.

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5 3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to all
6 health benefits plans currently in effect in the State, or that are
7 delivered, issued, executed or renewed in this State, or approved for
8 issuance or renewal in this State by the Commissioner of Banking
9 and Insurance, on or after the effective date of this act.

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STATEMENT

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14 This bill requires health insurance carriers (health, hospital and
15 medical service corporations, health maintenance organizations and
16 insurance companies), as well as the State and School Employees'
17 Health Benefits Programs and the State Medicaid program, to
18 provide coverage for expenses incurred in:

19 (1) the testing for coronavirus disease 2019, provided that a
20 licensed medical practitioner has issued a medical order for that
21 testing; and

22 (2) the delivery of health care services through telemedicine or
23 telehealth in accordance with the provisions of P.L.2017, c.117
24 (C.45:1-61 et al.).

25 The requirements of the bill remain in effect during the Public
26 Health Emergency and State of Emergency declared by the
27 Governor in Executive Order 103 of 2020.

28 The bill requires the coverage to be provided to the same extent
29 as for any other services under the health benefits plan, except that
30 no cost-sharing may be imposed on the coverage provided pursuant
31 to the bill.

32 The bill takes effect immediately and applies to all health benefit
33 plans currently in effect in the State, or that are delivered, issued,
34 executed or renewed in this State, or approved for issuance or
35 renewal in this State by the Commissioner of Banking and
36 Insurance, on or after the effective date of the bill.

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42 Requires health insurance and Medicaid coverage for testing of
43 coronavirus disease 2019 and for telemedicine and telehealth during
44 coronavirus disease 2019 state of emergency.