

ASSEMBLY, No. 216

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1996 SESSION

By Assemblywoman WEINBERG and Assemblyman IMPREVEDUTO

1 AN ACT concerning Medicaid reimbursement rates and supplementing
2 Title 30 of the Revised Statutes.

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

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7 1. a. The Commissioner of Human Services shall submit any
8 change to the Medicaid reimbursement rate for health care facilities,
9 other than one required by federal law or mandated by State law, to
10 the Legislature on a day when both houses of the Legislature are in
11 session. The change, as submitted to the Legislature, shall be deemed
12 approved 60 calendar days after the date of submission, unless
13 between the date of submission and the end of the 60-day period, the
14 Legislature, upon review of the Senate Human Services Committee
15 and the Assembly Health and Human Services Committee or their
16 successor committees, passes a concurrent resolution rejecting the
17 change. The 60-day period shall commence on the date of submission
18 and expire on the 60th calendar day after submission or for a house
19 not meeting on the 60th day, on the next meeting day of that house.

20 A change which has been rejected by the Legislature shall not take
21 effect.

22 b. This act shall not be construed to prohibit compliance with the
23 provisions of the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410
24 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.).

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26 2. This act shall take effect immediately.
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31 This bill requires that prior to instituting any changes to the
32 Medicaid reimbursement rate for health care facilities, other than those
33 required by the federal government, the Commissioner of Human
34 Services must submit the change to the Legislature. The Legislature
35 has 60 calendar days in which to act. If within this time period, the

1 Legislature fails to act, the change is deemed approved. The
2 Legislature, however, can reject the change by passing a concurrent
3 resolution within the 60-day period. This bill is not intended to alter
4 any existing requirements pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure
5 Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.) regarding the
6 promulgation of rules to change Medicaid reimbursement rates.

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11 Requires Legislative approval of changes to Medicaid reimbursement
12 rates for health care facilities.