

ASSEMBLY, No. 1319

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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1 AN ACT concerning services to county inmates and supplementing
2 chapter 8 of 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. As used in this act:

8 "Routine medical services" means the following medical and dental
9 care services for inmates provided under the direction of a primary
10 physician or dentist, licensed in the State of New Jersey: initial
11 screening; health appraisal; emergency and non-emergency medical
12 services performed on-site; general x-ray services; pharmaceutical
13 services, both prescription and over the counter; dental screening,
14 examination and treatment; eye examinations and eyewear, where
15 necessary; and special medical diets.

16 "State-sentenced inmate" means an inmate sentenced to a State
17 correctional facility, who is serving his sentence in whole or part in a
18 county correctional facility.

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20 2. a. The State shall reimburse the county for the cost of routine
21 medical care services provided to a State-sentenced inmate housed in
22 a county correctional facility after the 15th calendar day of the
23 inmate's incarceration or detention.

24 b. The county treasurer shall file a claim for reimbursement of the
25 costs incurred by the county in providing any routine medical services.
26 The claim shall be filed with the Department of Corrections in
27 accordance with guidelines promulgated by the Commissioner of
28 Corrections.

29 c. The reimbursement authorized under subsection a. of this section
30 shall be payable to the county treasurer and shall be used exclusively
31 for the purpose of defraying the costs incurred by the county jail in
32 providing routine medical services.

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34 3. The Commissioner of Corrections, in accordance with the
35 provisions of the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410

1 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), shall promulgate rules and regulations to
2 effectuate the purposes of this act.

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4 4. This act shall take effect on the first day of the third month
5 following enactment.

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STATEMENT

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10 This bill requires the State to reimburse counties for routine medical
11 services provided to State-sentenced inmates housed in county jails
12 beyond 15 calendar days. A State-sentenced inmate is defined in the
13 bill to mean an inmate who has been sentenced to a State correctional
14 facility, but who is serving his sentence in whole or in part in a county
15 facility. In order to receive reimbursement, the routine medical
16 services must have been provided under the direction of a primary
17 physician or dentist at the facility.

18 The bill defines routine medical services subject to State
19 reimbursement to include the following: initial screening; health
20 appraisal; emergency and non-emergency medical services performed
21 on-site; general x-ray services; pharmaceutical services; dental
22 screening, examination and treatment; eye exams and eyewear, where
23 necessary; and special medical diets.

24 The bill requires the county treasurer to file a claim for
25 reimbursement of the costs incurred by the county in providing such
26 routine medical services. The claim would be filed with the
27 Department of Corrections in accordance with guidelines promulgated
28 by the Commissioner of Corrections. The bill restricts the use of the
29 State reimbursement to offsetting costs of the county in providing the
30 medical services.

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35 Requires State to reimburse counties for routine medical services to
36 State-sentenced inmates.