

# ASSEMBLY, No. 1473

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## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblymen FELICE, KAVANAUGH, Assemblywomen  
Vandervalk and Murphy

1     **AN ACT** requiring health insurers to use standard enrollment and claim  
2       forms and supplementing various parts of the statutory law.

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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. Within 12 months of the effective date of this act, a hospital  
8       service corporation shall use the standard health care enrollment and  
9       claim forms promulgated pursuant to section 7 of this act in  
10      connection with all its group and individual contracts issued, delivered,  
11      executed or renewed in this State.

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13       2. Within 12 months of the effective date of this act, a medical  
14       service corporation shall use the standard health care enrollment and  
15       claim forms promulgated pursuant to section 7 of this act in  
16      connection with all its group and individual contracts issued, delivered,  
17      executed or renewed in this State.

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19       3. Within 12 months of the effective date of this act, a health  
20       service corporation shall use the standard health care enrollment and  
21       claim forms promulgated pursuant to section 7 of this act in  
22      connection with all its group and individual contracts issued, delivered,  
23      executed or renewed in this State.

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25       4. Within 12 months of the effective date of this act, a health  
26       insurer shall use the standard health care enrollment and claim forms  
27       promulgated pursuant to section 7 of this act in connection with all its  
28      individual policies issued, delivered, executed or renewed in this State.

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30       5. Within 12 months of the effective date of this act, a health  
31       insurer shall use the standard health care enrollment and claim forms  
32       promulgated pursuant to section 7 of this act in connection with all its  
33      group policies issued, delivered, executed or renewed in this State.

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35       6. Within 12 months of the effective date of this act, a health  
36       maintenance organization shall use the standard health care enrollment

1 and claim forms promulgated pursuant to section 7 of this act in  
2 connection with all its contracts for health care services issued,  
3 delivered, executed or renewed in this State.

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5       7. a. The Commissioner of Insurance shall approve and  
6 promulgate one set of standard health care enrollment and claim forms  
7 to be used by all hospital service, medical service and health service  
8 corporations, all health insurers and all health maintenance  
9 organizations authorized to do business in this State.

10        b. In developing and promulgating the forms, the commissioner  
11 shall:

12       (1) Consult with the Healthcare Information Electronic Data  
13 Interchange Policy Council established pursuant to P.L. , c. (C. )  
14 (now pending before the Legislature as Assembly, No. 1476 and  
15 Senate, No. 50 of 1996);

16       (2) Consult with the boards of the New Jersey Individual Health  
17 Coverage Program and the New Jersey Small Employer Health  
18 Benefits Program and with respect to claim forms, take into  
19 consideration the claim forms adopted by those programs pursuant to  
20 section 11 of P.L. 1993, c. 164 (C. 17B:27A-16.4) and section 29 of  
21 P.L. 1992, c. 162 (C. 17B:27A-45), respectively; and

22 (3) To the greatest extent possible, use national standards for  
23 electronic data interchange (EDI) as recommended by the policy  
24 council and the boards of the two programs.

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26       8. The commissioner shall promulgate regulations to effectuate the  
27 purposes of this act pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act,"  
28 P.L. 1968, c. 410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.).

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30 9. This act shall take effect immediately.

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## STATEMENT

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This bill requires hospital service, medical service and health service corporations, commercial health insurers and health maintenance organizations (HMO's) to use standard enrollment and claim forms promulgated by the Commissioner of Insurance in connection with all policies and contracts for health care benefits within 12 months of the effective date of this bill. In promulgating the forms, the commissioner is required to consult with the Healthcare Information Electronic Data Interchange Policy Council established pursuant to Assembly, No. 1476 of 1996, which includes representatives from among the various types of health care benefit providers who would be required to use the forms. The commissioner is also required to consult with the boards of the New Jersey Individual Health Coverage

1 Program and the New Jersey Small Employer Health Benefits Program  
2 and take into consideration the claim forms adopted by those  
3 programs. To the greatest extent possible the commissioner shall use  
4 national standards for electronic data interchange (EDI) as  
5 recommended by the policy council and the program boards.

6 This bill is part of a legislative package designed to effectuate the  
7 recommendations of the Healthcare Information Networks and  
8 Technologies (HINT) report to the Legislature under the joint auspices  
9 of Thomas Edison State College and the New Jersey Institute of  
10 Technology.

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