

ASSEMBLY, No. 2559

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblywoman GILL

1 AN ACT concerning the Health Care Subsidy Fund, amending
2 P.L.1992, c.160 and making an appropriation.

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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. Section 16 of P.L.1992, c.160 (C.26:2H-18.66) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 16. The Health Access New Jersey subsidy account shall be
10 allocated \$50 million in 1995, \$10 million in 1996, ~~[and \$25]~~ \$45
11 million in 1997, and \$20 million in 1998. Of these amounts, \$20
12 million in 1997 and \$20 million in 1998 shall be used to provide
13 subsidies to purchase health care coverage specifically for low income,
14 uninsured children based on a sliding income scale with modest
15 copayments.

16 (cf: P.L.1996, c.29, s.2)

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18 2. There is appropriated in Fiscal Year 1997 from the General Fund
19 to the Health Access New Jersey subsidy account in the Health Care
20 Subsidy Fund, \$20 million for the purpose of providing subsidies to
21 purchase health care coverage specifically for low income, uninsured
22 children based on a sliding income scale with modest copayments.

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24 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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29 Maintaining and promoting the health of children is an important
30 goal of this State and the Health Access New Jersey subsidized
31 insurance program serves as a means to provide low-income,
32 uninsured children with health insurance coverage.

33 Low income, uninsured children were recently explicitly stated as
34 a category of individuals for whom the Health Access New Jersey

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 program provides subsidies. To recognize and fulfill this objective,
2 this bill makes a specific allocation of funds, \$20 million in 1997 and
3 \$20 million in 1998, to the Health Access New Jersey subsidy account
4 for the purpose of providing subsidies to purchase health care
5 coverage for low income, uninsured children, based on a sliding
6 income scale with modest copayments. The bill further appropriates
7 the 1997 funds for this purpose.

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12 Allocates funds to Health Access NJ program specifically for low
13 income, uninsured children.