

P.L. 1997, CHAPTER 304, *approved January 8, 1998*
Assembly, No. 661

1 **AN ACT** concerning payments by health service corporations for
2 certain health services and amending P.L.1971, c.136.

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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 18 of P.L.1971, c.136 (C.26:2H-18) is amended to read
8 as follows:

9 18. a. No government agency and no health service corporation
10 organized under the laws of the State and no other purchasers of
11 health care services shall purchase, pay for or make reimbursement or
12 grant-in-aid for any health care service provided by a health care
13 facility unless at the time the service was provided, the health care
14 facility possessed a valid license or was otherwise authorized to
15 provide such service.

16 b. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1992, c.160).

17 c. Payment by government agencies other than those made through
18 the "New Jersey Medical Assistance and Health Services Act,"
19 P.L.1968, c.413 (C.30:4D-1 et seq.)**[**, and payment by health service
20 corporations organized under the laws of this State**]** for health services
21 provided by health care facilities other than hospitals shall be at
22 reasonable rates set by the commissioner based on financial elements
23 approved by him; provided, however, that nothing herein shall be
24 construed to prohibit the Commissioner of Human Services from
25 contracting with the commissioner for the setting of rates by which
26 health care facilities other than hospitals are reimbursed pursuant to
27 the "New Jersey Medical Assistance and Health Services Act,"
28 P.L.1968, c.413 (C.30:4D-1 et seq.). **[Rates of payment by health**
29 **service corporations organized under the laws of this State for health**
30 **care services provided by a health care facility other than hospitals**
31 **shall be set in consultation with the Commissioner of Insurance.]**

32 d. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1992, c.160).

33 e. To establish and maintain a fair and equitable system for
34 determining such payments, the commissioner shall require each health

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 care facility to report such financial, statistical and patient information
2 as may be required, in accordance with a uniform system of reporting
3 established by him. The commissioner may propose regulations for
4 approval by the board which assess penalties for failure to report such
5 information within such time as may be prescribed therein.

6 (cf: P.L.1992, c.160, s.25)

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8 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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13 Eliminates State rate-setting for payments by health service
14 corporations for health services provided by health care facilities other
15 than hospitals.