

SENATE, No. 49

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senators LaROSSA and LITTELL

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  
37 and claim forms promulgated pursuant to section 7 of this act in

1 connection with all its contracts for health care services issued,  
2 delivered, executed or renewed in this State.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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28 9. This act shall take effect immediately.

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31 STATEMENT

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33 This bill requires hospital service, medical service and health service  
34 corporations, commercial health insurers and health maintenance  
35 organizations (HMO's) to use standard enrollment and claim forms  
36 promulgated by the Commissioner of Insurance in connection with all  
37 policies and contracts for health care benefits within 12 months of the  
38 effective date of this bill. In promulgating the forms, the  
39 commissioner is required to consult with the Healthcare Information  
40 Electronic Data Interchange Policy Council established pursuant to  
41 Senate, No.50 of 1996, which includes representatives from among the  
42 various types of health care benefit providers who would be required  
43 to use the forms. The commissioner is also required to consult with  
44 the boards of the New Jersey Individual Health Coverage Program and  
45 the New Jersey Small Employer Health Benefits Program and take into  
46 consideration the claim forms adopted by those programs. To the

1 greatest extent possible the commissioner shall use national standards  
2 for electronic data interchange (EDI) as recommended by the policy  
3 council and the program boards.

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

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14 forms.