

SENATE, No. 1840

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senator RICE

1 AN ACT concerning certain individual health benefits plans and
2 amending P.L.1992, c.161.

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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 4 of P.L.1992, c.161 (C.17B:27A-5) is amended to read
8 as follows:

9 4. The following provisions shall not apply to basic health benefits
10 plans and managed care health benefits plans issued pursuant to
11 section 3 of this act:

12 Sections 12, 32 through 35, inclusive, of P.L.1985, c.236
13 (C.17:48E-12 and C.17:48E-32 through C.17:48E-35, inclusive);
14 [section 2 of P.L.1987, c.62 (C.17:48E-35.1);]sections 3, 4 and 6 of
15 P.L.1991, c.279 (C.17:48E-35.4, 17B:26-2.1e and 26:2J-4.4); section
16 1 of P.L.1977, c.118 (C.17B:26-2.1); section 1 of P.L.1983, c.53
17 (C.17B:26-2.1a); [section 1 of P.L.1987, c.64
18 (C.17B:26-2.1c);]P.L.1979, c.328 (C.17B:26-2.2 et seq.); and
19 sections 1 and 2 of P.L.1979, c.161 (C.17B:26-44.1 and
20 C.17B:26-44.2).

21 (cf: P.L.1992, c.161, s.4)

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23 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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28 This bill provides that basic health benefits plans and managed care
29 health benefits plans issued to individuals pursuant to the "Individual
30 Health Insurance Reform Act," P.L.1992, c.161 (C.17B:27A-2 et
31 seq.), shall include coverage for the home treatment of hemophilia.
32 Under that law, all health insurers must offer individual health benefits
33 coverage on an open enrollment basis, but certain coverages otherwise
34 mandated by law are omitted from the most basic types of policies

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 which must be offered, sometimes referred to as "bare bones" policies.
2 In policies covering expenses incurred for routine bleeding episodes
3 associated with hemophilia, coverage for the purchase of blood
4 products and blood infusion equipment required for the home
5 treatment of hemophilia has been required coverage since 1987. This
6 bill, then, would remove the reference to coverage for the home
7 treatment of hemophilia otherwise required of health insurers from the
8 list of mandates omitted by section 4 of the new law (C.17B:27A-5).

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13 Requires coverage for home treatment of hemophilia under certain
14 individual health benefits plans.