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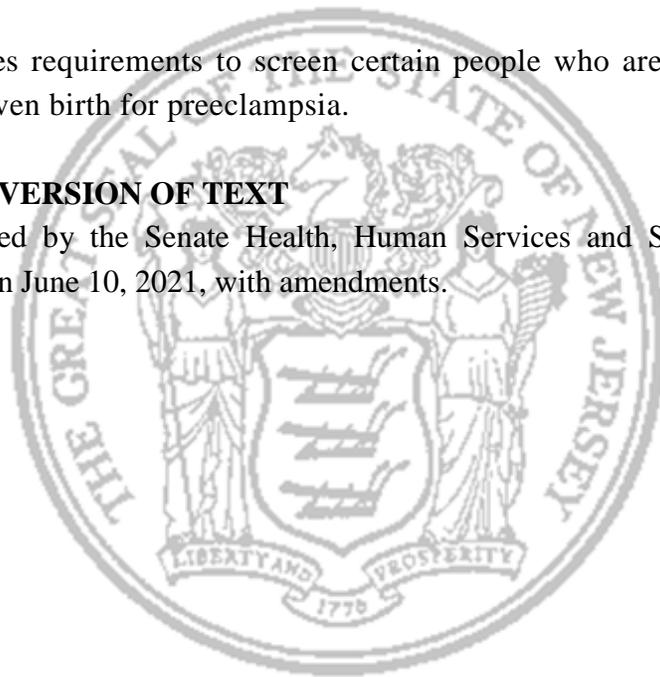
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SYNOPSIS

Establishes requirements to screen certain people who are pregnant and who have given birth for preeclampsia.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee on June 10, 2021, with amendments.



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1 AN ACT concerning preeclampsia ²**[testing for pregnant women]**
 2 screenings² and supplementing Title 26 of the Revised Statutes.

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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. a. The Commissioner of Health shall require every hospital
 8 ¹**[that provides inpatient maternity services]**¹ in the State, every
 9 birthing center licensed in the State pursuant to P.L.1971, c.136
 10 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.), ¹every federally qualified health center, and
 11 **[or]**¹ every physician or health care practitioner in the State
 12 providing care to a pregnant ²**[woman] person**² or a ²**[woman]**
 13 person² who has given birth ^{2,2} to ¹**[administer to the woman a**
 14 **test]** screen the ²**[woman]**¹ person² for preeclampsia ²**[**, if the
 15 **woman]** if the person² shows symptoms of the condition. ¹**[The**
 16 test shall include, but not be limited to, blood tests,
 17 ultrasonography, and non-stress tests that monitor a baby's health]
 18 Screening tools shall be based on industry best practices and
 19 guidance, as determined by the American College of Obstetricians
 20 and Gynecologists, the ²**[American Academy of Family**
 21 **Physicians] Preeclampsia Foundation**² , or ²**[other nationally**
 22 **recognized]** another nationally-recognized² body ²**[**, as
 23 determined] as may be designated² by the commissioner¹ .

24 b. A hospital that provides inpatient maternity services ¹**[or]**,
 25 a¹ licensed birthing center ¹, or a federally qualified health center¹
 26 providing care to, or a physician or other health care practitioner
 27 who is the primary caregiver for, a pregnant ²**[woman] person**² or a
 28 ²**[woman] person**² who seeks treatment within ²**[four]** six² weeks
 29 of giving birth, shall, in accordance with guidelines developed by
 30 the commissioner:

31 (1) provide the ²**[woman] person**² with information on
 32 preeclampsia ¹and potential warning signs and symptoms¹;

33 (2) inform the ²**[woman] person**² of the benefits of being
 34 ¹**[tested] screened**¹ for preeclampsia if ²**[she] the person**² shows
 35 symptoms of the condition, and that ²**[she] the person**² is required
 36 to be ¹**[tested] screened**¹ for preeclampsia unless ²**[she] the**
 37 person² ²**[indicates in writing her] issues a written**² refusal to be
 38 ¹**[tested] screened**¹ ², which refusal shall be provided² on a form
 39 and in a manner prescribed by the commissioner ²consistent with
 40 the provisions of subsection c. of this section² ; ²**[and]**²

41 (3) ¹**[test] screen**¹ the ²**[woman] person**² for preeclampsia
 42 unless ²**[she indicates her] the person provides**² written refusal as
 43 ²**[hereinabove]**² provided ²in paragraph (2) of this subsection² .

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

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly AAP committee amendments adopted May 18, 2021.

²Senate SHH committee amendments adopted June 10, 2021.

1 The ²[woman] person² shall, on the ²[same]² form and in a
2 manner prescribed by the commissioner ²consistent with subsection
3 c. of this section², acknowledge receipt of the information provided
4 by the hospital, birthing center, ²federally qualified health center,²
5 physician, or health care practitioner, as applicable, regarding the
6 benefits of being ¹[tested] screened¹ for preeclampsia ²; and

7 (4) encourage the person to routinely engage in home blood
8 pressure monitoring².

9 c. ²The commissioner shall develop a standardized form to be
10 used for the purposes of providing the acknowledgement required
11 pursuant to paragraph (3) of subsection b. of this section, which
12 may also be used to provide written refusal to undergo a screening
13 for preeclampsia pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection b. of this
14 section, if applicable.

15 d.² Upon receipt of the results of ¹[the test] any screening¹
16 conducted pursuant to subsection a. of this section, the hospital
17 ²[that provides inpatient maternity services]², licensed birthing
18 center, ¹federally qualified health ²[care centers] center²,¹ or
19 physician or health care practitioner ², as applicable,² shall discuss
20 the results with ²[a pregnant women or women who has given
21 birth] the person² and, if the ²[woman] person has a positive
22 screening² ¹[tests positive] ²[screens¹]² for preeclampsia, develop
23 a treatment plan to minimize the ²[woman's] person's² risk from
24 preeclampsia.

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26 2. The Commissioner of Health, pursuant to the
27 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-
28 1 et seq.), shall adopt rules and regulations to effectuate the
29 purposes of this act.

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31 3. This act shall take effect immediately.