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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 Budget and Appropriations Committee on January 6, 2022, 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 [or]¹
 11 every physician or health care practitioner in the State providing care
 12 to a pregnant ²**[woman]** person² or a ²**[woman]** person² who has
 13 given birth ^{2,2} to ¹**[administer to the woman a test]** screen the
 14 ²**[woman]**¹ person² for preeclampsia ²**[, if the woman]** if the person²
 15 shows symptoms of the condition. ¹**[The test shall include, but not be**
 16 **limited to, blood tests, ultrasonography, and non-stress tests that**
 17 **monitor a baby's health]** Screening tools shall be based on industry
 18 best practices and guidance, as determined by the American College of
 19 Obstetricians and Gynecologists ³**[, the** ²**[American Academy of**
 20 **Family Physicians]** Preeclampsia Foundation² ³**],** ²**[or** ²**[other**
 21 **nationally recognized]** another nationally-recognized² body ²**[, as**
 22 **determined]** as may be designated² by the commissioner¹.

23 b. A hospital ³**[that provides inpatient maternity services]**³ ¹**[or],**
 24 ^a¹ licensed birthing center ¹, or a federally qualified health center¹
 25 providing care to, or a physician or other health care practitioner who
 26 is the primary caregiver for, a pregnant ²**[woman]** person² or a
 27 ²**[woman]** person² who seeks treatment within ²**[four]** six² weeks of
 28 giving birth, shall, in accordance with guidelines developed by the
 29 commissioner:

30 (1) provide the ²**[woman]** person² with information on
 31 preeclampsia ¹and potential warning signs and symptoms¹ ³through
 32 the educational program developed pursuant subsection d. of this
 33 section³;

34 (2) inform the ²**[woman]** person² of the benefits of being
 35 ¹**[tested]** screened¹ for preeclampsia if ²**[she]** the person² shows
 36 symptoms of the condition, and that ²**[she]** the person² is required to
 37 be ¹**[tested]** screened¹ for preeclampsia unless ²**[she]** the person²
 38 ²**[indicates in writing her]** issues a written² refusal to be ¹**[tested]**
 39 screened¹ ², which refusal shall be provided² on a form and in a
 40 manner prescribed by the commissioner ²consistent with the
 41 provisions of subsection c. of this section²; ²**[and]**²

42 (3) ¹**[test]** screen¹ the ²**[woman]** person² for preeclampsia unless
 43 ²**[she indicates her]** the person provides² written refusal as

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.

³Senate SBA committee amendments adopted January 6, 2022.

- 1 ²hereinabove² provided ²in paragraph (2) of this subsection² . The
2 ²woman person² shall, on the ²same² form and in a manner
3 prescribed by the commissioner ²consistent with subsection c. of this
4 section² , acknowledge receipt of the information provided by the
5 hospital, birthing center, ²federally qualified health center,² physician,
6 or health care practitioner, as applicable, regarding the benefits of
7 being ¹tested screened¹ for preeclampsia ²; and
8 (4) encourage the person to routinely engage in home blood
9 pressure monitoring² .
- 10 c. ²The commissioner shall develop a standardized form to be
11 used for the purposes of providing the acknowledgement required
12 pursuant to paragraph (3) of subsection b. of this section, which may
13 also be used to provide written refusal to undergo a screening for
14 preeclampsia pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection b. of this section,
15 if applicable.
- 16 d.² ³The commissioner shall develop, in consultation with the
17 Preeclampsia Foundation and any other community-based organization
18 as may be designated by the commissioner, a preeclampsia educational
19 program for pregnant individuals and individuals who have recently
20 given birth. The educational program shall include information on
21 preeclampsia and the potential warning signs and symptoms of
22 preeclampsia.
- 23 e.³ Upon receipt of the results of ¹the test any screening¹
24 conducted pursuant to subsection a. of this section, the hospital ²that
25 provides inpatient maternity services² , licensed birthing center,
26 ¹federally qualified health ²care centers center² ,¹ or physician or
27 health care practitioner ², as applicable,² shall discuss the results with
28 ²a pregnant women or women who has given birth the person² and,
29 if the ²woman person has a positive screening² ¹tests positive
30 ²screens¹² for preeclampsia, develop a treatment plan to minimize
31 the ²woman's person's² risk from preeclampsia.
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- 33 2. The Commissioner of Health, pursuant to the
34 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-
35 1 et seq.), shall adopt rules and regulations to effectuate the
36 purposes of this act.
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- 38 3. This act shall take effect immediately.