

ASSEMBLY HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

ASSEMBLY, No. 4790

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 17, 2021

The Assembly Human Services Committee reports favorably an Assembly Committee Substitute for Assembly Bill No. 4790.

The substitute requires the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services in the Department of Human Services to contract with a third party entity to apply a risk reduction model to prescription drug services provided under the Medicaid program for the purpose of identifying and reducing simultaneous, multi-drug medication-related risk and adverse drug events, enhancing compliance and quality of care, and improving health-related outcomes while reducing total cost of care in a measurable and reportable manner. To carry out this purpose, the model will leverage Medicaid prescription drug claims data, pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic sciences, appropriate technologies, clinical call centers located in New Jersey and staffed by board-certified pharmacists, and include coordination of services with a network of local community pharmacies located throughout the State. For the duration of the contract, the division will share the medical and pharmacy claims data for all Medicaid beneficiaries with the third party entity administering the model for the purposes of effectuating the model, which claims data will include historical data.

As reported by the committee, Assembly Committee Substitute for Assembly Bill No. 4790 is identical to Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 887 (1R) which was also reported by the committee on this date.