SYNOPSIS
Establishes annual cost of living adjustment based on Consumer Price Index for programs providing mental health, substance use treatment, or services to persons with developmental disabilities.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT
As introduced.
AN ACT concerning certain social services programs and
supplementing Chapter 4B of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes.

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
of New Jersey:

1. a. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
contrary, the terms of a contract entered into between the Divisions
of Mental Health and Addiction Services and Developmental
Disabilities in the Department of Human Services and a program
providing mental health services, substance use treatment services,
or services to persons with developmental disabilities on or after the
effective date of this act shall include an annual increase in the cost
of living adjustment received by the organization. The cost of
living adjustment shall be based on the Consumer Price Index for
the previous 12-month period beginning October 1 and ending
September 30, as published by the United States Department of
Labor.

   b. On October 1 of each year, the department shall announce
the rate of the increase in the cost of living adjustment received by a
program providing mental health services, substance use treatment
services, or services to persons with developmental disabilities
pursuant to subsection a. of this section.

   c. As used in this section, a program providing mental health
services, substance use treatment services, or services to persons
with developmental disabilities shall include State programs
partially funded or fully funded by Medicaid and licensed or
approved by the Commissioner of Human Services or other
appropriate State licensing entities.

2. The Commissioner of Human Services, pursuant to the
seq.), shall adopt rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of
this act.

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill stipulates that on or after the effective date of the bill,
the terms of a contract entered into between the Divisions of Mental
Health and Addiction Services and Developmental Disabilities in
the Department of Human Services (DHS) and a program providing
mental health services, substance use treatment services, or services
to persons with developmental disabilities include an annual
increase in the cost of living adjustment received by the
organization.
The cost of living adjustment would be based on the Consumer Price Index for the previous 12-month period beginning October 1 and ending September 30, as published by the United States Department of Labor, and the DHS would be required to announce the rate of the increase on October 1 of each year.

As used in the bill, a program providing mental health services, substance use treatment services, or services to persons with developmental disabilities shall include State programs partially funded or fully funded by Medicaid and licensed or approved by the Commissioner of Human Services or other appropriate State licensing agencies.