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SYNOPSIS

Provides for enrollment as NJ FamilyCare provider in conjunction with licensure application; Requires health insurance carriers to determine provider enrollment within six months of application.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning provider enrollment, supplementing Title 30 of
2 the Revised Statute, and amending P.L.1997, c.192.

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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. (New section) a. Within 365 days of the effective date of
8 this act, the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services in
9 the Department of Human Services, in collaboration with the State
10 Board of Medical Examiners, shall develop and implement a
11 streamlined process for a physician to enroll as an NJ FamilyCare
12 provider and to apply for State licensure in a single application.

13 b. For all applications submitted pursuant to subsection a. of
14 this section:

15 (1) the State Board of Medical Examiners shall provide the
16 Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services with a copy of
17 the applicant's license, within five days of issuing the license to the
18 applicant. If the applicant is not approved for licensure, the State
19 Board of Medical Examiners shall provide the Division of Medical
20 Assistance and Health Services with the appropriate documentation
21 within five days of the determination; and

22 (2) to the extent possible and in accordance with the
23 documentation submitted with the application, the Division of
24 Medical Assistance and Health Services shall immediately begin to
25 process the portion of the application regarding NJ FamilyCare
26 provider enrollment. Within 10 days of receiving an applicant's
27 licensure from the State Board of Medical Examiners, the division
28 shall notify an applicant in writing, if applicable, of any additional
29 information or documentation required by the division to enroll the
30 applicant as an approved NJ FamilyCare physician.

31 c. The provisions of this act shall not be construed to alter the
32 application requirements for State licensure or the enrollment
33 requirements for a NJ FamilyCare provider.

34 d. As used in this act, "NJ FamilyCare" means the program
35 established pursuant to P.L.2005, c.156 (C.30:4J-8 et al.), which
36 includes the Medicaid program and the Children's Health Insurance
37 Program.

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39 2. Section 7 of P.L.1997,c.192 (C.26:2S-7) is amended to read
40 as follows:

41 7. Each application for participation by a licensed health care
42 professional that is submitted to a carrier which offers a managed
43 care plan shall be reviewed by a committee of the carrier that
44 includes appropriate representation of health care professionals with
45 knowledge in the applicant's scope of professional practice. The

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.

1 committee shall provide an applicant for participation a notice of
2 determination within six months of receiving an application.

3 (cf: 1997, c.192, s.7)

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5 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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10 Under the bill, within 365 days of its effective date, the Division
11 of Medical Assistance and Health Services (division) in the
12 Department of Human Services, in collaboration with the State
13 Board of Medical Examiners, is required to develop and implement
14 a streamlined process for a physician to enroll as an NJ FamilyCare
15 provider and to apply for State licensure in a single application.

16 For all applications submitted under the bill, the State Board of
17 Medical Examiners is to provide the division with a copy of the
18 applicant's license, within five days of issuing the license to the
19 applicant. If the applicant is not approved for licensure, the bill
20 directs the State Board of Medical Examiners to provide the
21 division with the appropriate documentation within five days of the
22 determination.

23 Moreover, to the extent possible and in accordance with the
24 documentation submitted with the application, the bill directs the
25 division to immediately begin to process the portion of the
26 application regarding NJ FamilyCare provider enrollment. Within
27 10 days of receiving an applicant's licensure from the State Board
28 of Medical Examiners, the division is to notify an applicant in
29 writing, if applicable, of any additional information or
30 documentation required by the division to enroll the applicant as an
31 approved NJ FamilyCare physician.

32 The bill explicitly provides that these provisions of the bill are
33 not to be construed to alter the application requirements for State
34 licensure or the enrollment requirements for a NJ FamilyCare
35 provider.

36 The bill also amends the "Health Care Quality Act" to require the
37 committee of a carrier, which reviews applications submitted by
38 licensed health care professionals for participation in a carrier's
39 plan, to provide an applicant for participation a notice of
40 determination within six months of receiving an application. Under
41 existing law, "carrier" means an insurance company, health service
42 corporation, hospital service corporation, medical service corporation
43 or health maintenance organization authorized to issue health benefits
44 plans in this State.