

SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 352

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 6, 2022

The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 352.

This bill requires hospital, medical and health service corporations, commercial insurers, health maintenance organizations, health benefits plans issued pursuant to the New Jersey Individual Health Coverage and Small Employer Health Benefits Programs, the State Health Benefits Program, and the School Employees' Health Benefits Program, to provide coverage for benefits provided through the psychiatric collaborative care model for the treatment of mental health conditions and substance use disorders. The psychiatric collaborative care model is an evidence-based, integrated behavioral health service delivery method wherein a primary care provider and a care manager collaborate with a psychiatric consultant to provide care to a patient.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2022-2023 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.