

SENATE, No. 2716

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 220th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Allows licensed clinical social worker to directly bill NJ FamilyCare for covered services provided to program beneficiaries.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning reimbursement under NJ FamilyCare and
2 supplementing P.L.1968, c.413 (C.30:4D-1 et seq.).
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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. Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation to the contrary,
8 the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services within the
9 Department of Human Services, or a managed care organization that
10 contracts with the division to provide medical services to beneficiaries
11 of the NJ FamilyCare program, shall accept and reimburse claims for
12 services submitted by a clinical social worker provided that:

13 (1) the services are rendered to a NJ FamilyCare beneficiary;

14 (2) the services rendered are covered under the NJ FamilyCare
15 program;

16 (3) the clinical social worker holds a current, valid license issued
17 pursuant to P.L.1991, c.134 (C.45:15BB-1 et seq.); and

18 (4) the clinical social worker is an approved provider of services
19 under the NJ FamilyCare program.

20 b. For the purpose of this section, "NJ FamilyCare" means the
21 program established pursuant to P.L.2005, c.156 (C.30:4J-8 et al.).
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23 2. The Commissioner of Human Services shall apply for such
24 State plan amendments or waivers as may be necessary to
25 implement the provisions of this act and to secure federal financial
26 participation for State Medicaid expenditures under the federal
27 Medicaid program.
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29 3. The Commissioner of Human Services, pursuant to the
30 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.),
31 shall adopt rules and regulations necessary to implement the
32 provisions of this act.
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34 4. This act shall take effect immediately.
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37 STATEMENT
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39 This bill would allow a licensed clinical social worker to directly
40 bill NJ FamilyCare for covered services provided to program
41 beneficiaries. Specifically, the bill requires the Division of Medical
42 Assistance and Health Services within the Department of Human
43 Services, or a managed care organization that contracts with the
44 division to provide medical services to beneficiaries of the NJ
45 FamilyCare program, to accept, and reimburse, claims for services
46 submitted by a clinical social worker, provided that:

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- 2 program;
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- 5 4) the clinical social worker is an approved provider of services
- 6 under the NJ FamilyCare program.