SENATE, No. 3146 **STATE OF NEW JERSEY** 220th LEGISLATURE

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Sponsored by: Senator VIN GOPAL District 11 (Monmouth)

Co-Sponsored by: Senators Diegnan, Singleton, Madden and O'Scanlon

SYNOPSIS

Increases Medicaid reimbursement rates for private duty nursing services by \$4.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning Medicaid reimbursement for private duty 2 nursing services and supplementing Title 30 of the Revised 3 Statutes. 4 5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State 6 of New Jersey: 7 8 1. The hourly reimbursement rate for private duty nursing 9 services under the Medicaid program established pursuant to 10 P.L.1968, c.413 (C.30:4D-1 et seq.), regardless of whether the 11 services are provided in the Medicaid fee-for-service delivery 12 system or in the managed care delivery system, shall be no less than 13 \$65 per hour when a registered professional nurse provides the 14 services, and no less than \$53 per hour when a licensed practical 15 nurse provides the services. 16 The Commissioner of Human Services shall apply for such 17 2. State plan amendments or waivers as may be necessary to 18 implement the provisions of this act and secure federal financial 19 20 participation for State Medicaid expenditures under the federal 21 Medicaid program. 22 23 3. The Commissioner of Human Services shall adopt rules and 24 regulations, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," 25 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), to effectuate the purposes of 26 this act. 27 4. This act shall take effect immediately. 28 29 30 31 **STATEMENT** 32 This bill would increase the Medicaid reimbursement rates for 33 34 private duty nursing (PDN) services by \$4. PDN services are individualized nursing services that are 35 provided by licensed nurses, on a continuous and non-intermittent 36 37 basis, to certain beneficiaries in the home setting. Under the State FY 2023 Appropriations Act, the current Medicaid reimbursement 38 39 rate for PDN services is \$61 per hour when the services are 40 provided by a registered nurse and \$49 per hour when the services 41 are provided by a licensed practical nurse. These rates supersede 42 the rates established under current Department of Human Services regulations, which establish a rate of \$60 for PDN services provided 43 44 by a registered nurse and a rate of \$48 for services provided by a 45 licensed practical nurse. 46 The bill increases the Medicaid reimbursement rate for PDN services to at least \$65 per hour when provided by a registered 47

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- 1 licensed practical nurse. The increased reimbursement rate will
- 2 apply regardless of whether services are provided under the fee for
- 3 service delivery system or the managed care delivery system.
- 4 The bill requires the Commissioner of Human Services to apply
- 5 for such State plan amendments or waivers as may be necessary to
- 6 implement the provisions of the bill and secure federal financial
- 7 participation for State Medicaid expenditures under the federal
- 8 Medicaid program.