

SENATE, No. 4033

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
220th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Establishes minimum Medicaid and NJ FamilyCare reimbursement rate for pediatric special care nursing facilities.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning Medicaid and NJ FamilyCare reimbursement
2 rates for certain long-term care facilities, supplementing Title 30
3 of the Revised Statutes, and making an appropriation.

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

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8 1. a. The Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services
9 within the Department of Human Services shall reimburse a
10 pediatric skilled care nursing facility that participates in the New
11 Jersey Medicaid program, established pursuant to P.L.1968, c.413
12 (C.30:4D-1 et seq.), or the New Jersey FamilyCare Program,
13 established pursuant to P.L.2005, c.156 (C.30:4J-8 et al.), at a base
14 reimbursement rate of no less than \$950.00 per day.

15 b. A pediatric skilled care nursing facility shall only be eligible
16 to receive the minimum Medicaid and NJ FamilyCare
17 reimbursement rate, established pursuant to this section, if the
18 facility also is in compliance with applicable State and federal laws
19 and regulations concerning licensure, patient safety, and quality of
20 care.

21 c. As used in this section:

22 “Pediatric skilled care nursing facility” means a nursing facility
23 that has been approved by the Department of Health and the
24 Department of Human Services to provide care to New Jersey
25 Medicaid and NJ FamilyCare enrollees, up to 21 years of age, who
26 require specialized nursing facility services beyond the scope of a
27 conventional nursing facility.

28 d. The Commissioner of Human Services shall adopt such rules
29 and regulations, pursuant to the “Administrative Procedure Act,”
30 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), as may be necessary to
31 implement the provisions of this section.

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33 2. The Commissioner of Human Services shall apply for such
34 State plan amendments or waivers as shall be necessary to
35 implement the provisions of this act and to ensure federal financial
36 participation for State expenditures under the federal Medicaid
37 program and the Children’s Health Insurance Program.

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39 3. There are appropriated from the General Fund to the
40 Department of Human Services such sums as shall be necessary to
41 effectuate the provisions of this act.

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43 4. This act shall take effect on the first day of the second month
44 next following the date of enactment, except the Commissioner of
45 Human Services may take any advance administrative action as
46 shall be necessary for the implementation of this act.

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STATEMENT

This bill requires the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) within the Department of Human Services to establish a minimum Medicaid and NJ FamilyCare reimbursement rate of \$950.00 per day for pediatric special care nursing facilities (SCNFs). Pediatric SCNFs provide specialized, long-term care and rehabilitation to medically fragile children and youth, up to 21 years of age. The bill, however, conditions the provision of this minimum reimbursement rate upon a facility's compliance with applicable State and federal laws and regulations concerning licensure, patient safety, and quality of care. The bill additionally appropriates from the General Fund to the Department of Human Services such sums as are necessary to implement this reimbursement rate increase.

New Jersey currently has four pediatric SCNFs that participate in the State Medicaid program and the NJ FamilyCare program: the Pediatric Long Term Care Center at Children's Specialized Hospital (Mountainside and Toms River), the Phoenix Center for Rehabilitation and Pediatrics (Haskell), and the Voorhees Pediatric Facility (Voorhees).