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SYNOPSIS

Requires DHS and State Board of Medical Examiners to develop and implement process to improve efficiency of reviewing NJ FamilyCare provider applications.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 2/22/2024)

1 AN ACT concerning provider enrollment and supplementing Title 30
2 of the Revised Statutes.

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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) Within 365 days of the effective date of this
8 act, the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services in the
9 Department of Human Services and the State Board of Medical
10 Examiners shall develop and implement a process to improve the
11 efficiency of reviewing NJ FamilyCare provider applications which
12 shall include the State Board of Medical Examiners sharing relevant
13 information with the Division of Medical Assistance and Health
14 Services regarding physician licensure applicants who indicate an
15 intent to enroll as NJ FamilyCare providers, such that, at a minimum:

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

24 b. to the extent possible and in accordance with the
25 documentation submitted with the NJ FamilyCare provider
26 application, the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services
27 shall immediately begin to process each NJ FamilyCare provider
28 application upon receipt of the application, provided that the
29 application contains the necessary licensure information or
30 demonstrates that the applicant is pending licensure approval from
31 the State Board of Medical Examiners. Within 10 days of receiving
32 an applicant's license number from the State Board of Medical
33 Examiners, the division shall notify an applicant in writing, if
34 applicable, of any additional information or documentation required
35 by the division to enroll the applicant as an approved NJ
36 FamilyCare physician.

37 c. The provisions of this act shall not be construed to alter the
38 application requirements for State licensure or the enrollment
39 requirements for a NJ FamilyCare provider, or to require the
40 Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services to approve an
41 applicant for NJ FamilyCare provider enrollment before the division
42 has received the National Provider Identifier number for the applicant.

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

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48 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

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Under the bill, within 365 days of its effective date, the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (division) in the Department of Human Services and the State Board of Medical Examiners is required to develop and implement a process to improve the efficiency of reviewing NJ FamilyCare provider applications which is to include the State Board of Medical Examiners sharing relevant information with the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services regarding physician licensure applicants who indicate an intent to enroll as NJ FamilyCare providers.

To effectuate this goal, at a minimum, the State Board of Medical Examiners is to provide the division with the applicant's license number, within five days of issuing the license number to the applicant. If the applicant is not approved for licensure, the bill directs the State Board of Medical Examiners to provide the division with the appropriate documentation within five days of the determination.

Moreover, to the extent possible and in accordance with the documentation submitted with the NJ FamilyCare provider application, the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services is required to immediately begin to process each NJ FamilyCare provider application upon receipt of the application, provided that the application contains the necessary licensure information or demonstrates that the applicant is pending licensure approval from the State Board of Medical Examiners. Within 10 days of receiving an applicant's license number from the State Board of Medical Examiners, the division shall notify an applicant in writing, if applicable, of any additional information or documentation required by the division to enroll the applicant as an approved NJ FamilyCare physician.

The bill explicitly provides that the provisions of the bill are not to be construed to alter the application requirements for State licensure or the enrollment requirements for a NJ FamilyCare provider, or to require the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services to approve an applicant for NJ FamilyCare provider enrollment before the division has received the National Provider Identifier number for the applicant.