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SYNOPSIS

Requires health insurance carriers to provide coverage for home childbirth.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1 AN ACT concerning health insurance and supplementing P.L.1997,
2 c.192 (C.26:2S-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. A carrier that offers a health benefits plan in this State
8 shall provide coverage for costs associated with home childbirth.

9 b. The coverage shall be provided to the same extent as for any
10 other health care services under the health benefits plan.

11 c. As used in this section:

12 "Carrier" means an insurance company, health service
13 corporation, hospital service corporation, medical service
14 corporation, or health maintenance organization authorized to issue
15 health benefits plans in this State or any entity contracted to
16 administer health benefits in connection with the State Health
17 Benefits Program or School Employees' Health Benefits Program.

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19 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to all
20 health benefits plans currently in effect in the State, or that are
21 delivered, issued, executed or renewed in this State, or approved for
22 issuance or renewal in this State by the Commissioner of Banking
23 and Insurance, on or after the effective date of this act.

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STATEMENT

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28 This bill requires health insurance carriers (health, hospital and
29 medical service corporations, health maintenance organizations and
30 insurance companies), as well as the State and School Employees'
31 Health Benefits Programs, to provide coverage for expenses
32 incurred in home childbirth.

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34 plans currently in effect in the State, or that are delivered, issued,
35 executed or renewed in this State, or approved for issuance or
36 renewal in this State by the Commissioner of Banking and
37 Insurance, on or after the effective date of the bill.