

# SENATE, No. 3017

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 222nd LEGISLATURE

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**SYNOPSIS**

Shifts \$45 million appropriation for opioid related care and treatment provided at certain hospitals from Opioid Recovery and Remediation Fund to General Fund.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1 A SUPPLEMENT to the annual appropriations act for the fiscal year  
2 ending June 30, 2026, P.L.2025, c.74, and repealing section 111  
3 of P.L.2025, c.74.

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

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8 1. In addition to the amounts appropriated under P.L.2025,  
9 c.74, the annual appropriations act for the fiscal year ending June  
10 30, 2026, there is appropriated from the General Fund the following  
11 amount for the purpose specified:

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13 **54 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

14 *20 Physical and Mental Health*

15 *23 Behavioral Health Services*

16 *7700 Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services*

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18 **GRANTS-IN-AID**

19 09-7700 Addiction Services

\$45,000,0

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22 Total Grants-in-Aid appropriation,

23 Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services

24 \$45,000,000

25 ***Grants-in-Aid:***

26 09 Opioid Hospital Initiatives

27 (\$45,000,000)

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29 Notwithstanding the provision of any law or regulation to the  
30 contrary, the amount hereinabove appropriated for Opioid  
31 Hospital Initiatives shall be distributed to the following  
32 hospitals, in the amounts indicated, and used for the purpose of  
33 providing necessary care and treatment for victims of opioid-  
34 related health issues consistent with the Opioid Recovery and  
35 Remediation Advisory Council's most recent strategic plan: \$10  
36 million to Hackensack, \$15 million to RWJ Barnabas, \$15  
37 million to Cooper, and \$5 million to Atlantic Health. Each  
38 hospital, as a condition of receiving funds under this paragraph,  
39 shall submit a quarterly report to the Commissioner of Human  
40 Services until all funds received under this paragraph are  
41 expended, which report shall provide: a description of the use of  
42 all funds expended, the number of individuals served under each  
43 use, outcomes data associated with the expended funds, the  
44 balance of any remaining funds, and any additional information  
45 required by the commissioner. Consistent with CMS guidelines  
46 and subject to any required federal approval, the amounts  
47 appropriated pursuant to this paragraph may be utilized by the  
48 Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services in the

1 Department of Human Services to maximize federal Medicaid  
2 funds.

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4 2. Section 111 of P.L.2025, c.74 is repealed.

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6 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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11 This bill shifts a \$45 million FY2026 appropriation for opioid  
12 related care and treatment provided at certain hospitals from the  
13 Opioid Recovery and Remediation Fund to the General Fund.  
14 Specifically, the bill makes a FY 2026 supplemental appropriation  
15 of \$45 million from the General Fund to the Division of Medical  
16 Assistance and Health Services in the Department of Human  
17 Services (division) for Opioid Hospital Initiatives. These funds are  
18 required to be distributed to the following hospitals, in the amounts  
19 indicated, and used for the purpose of providing necessary care and  
20 treatment for victims of opioid-related health issues consistent with  
21 the Opioid Recovery and Remediation Advisory Council's most  
22 recent strategic plan: \$10 million to Hackensack, \$15 million to  
23 RWJ Barnabas, \$15 million to Cooper, and \$5 million to Atlantic  
24 Health. Each hospital, as a condition of receiving funds, is required  
25 to submit a quarterly report to the Commissioner of Human  
26 Services until all funds received under the bill are expended. The  
27 reports are to provide: a description of the use of all funds  
28 expended, the number of individuals served under each use,  
29 outcomes data associated with the expended funds, the balance of  
30 any remaining funds, and any additional information required by the  
31 commissioner. Consistent with guidelines from the United States  
32 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, or CMS, and subject  
33 to any required federal approval, the amounts appropriated under  
34 the bill may be utilized by the division to maximize federal  
35 Medicaid funds.

36 Additionally, this bill removes general provision 111 from the  
37 FY 2026 appropriations act, which provides for the appropriation of  
38 \$45 million from the Opioid Recovery and Remediation Fund to the  
39 division for the identical purpose and distribution as required under  
40 the bill. Under P.L.2023, c.25, the Department of Human Services  
41 administers the non-lapsing Opioid Recovery and Remediation  
42 Fund, where settlement-agreement payments are deposited from  
43 producers and distributors of opioid-based pharmaceuticals  
44 concerning their alleged liability for the nationwide opioid  
45 epidemic.