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SENATE, No. 947

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 214th LEGISLATURE

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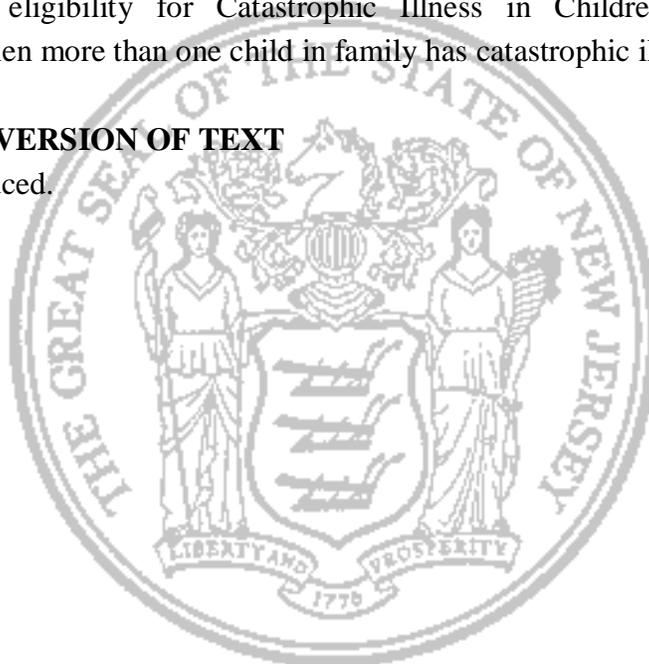
Assemblymen Coughlin, O'Donnell and Diegnan

SYNOPSIS

Concerns eligibility for Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief fund assistance when more than one child in family has catastrophic illness.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 10/1/2010)

1 AN ACT concerning eligibility for assistance under the Catastrophic
2 Illness in Children Relief Fund and amending P.L.1987, c.370.

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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. Section 8 of P.L.1987, c.370 (C.26:2-155) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 8. a. A child who is a resident of this State is eligible, through
10 his parent or legal guardian, to apply to the program established
11 pursuant to subsection a. of section 7 of **[this act]** P.L.1987, c.370
12 (C.26:2-154).

13 b. In the event a family has more than one child with a
14 catastrophic illness, as defined pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1987,
15 c.370 (C.26:2-149), the commission shall waive the family
16 responsibility, as established by regulation, for the other child if the
17 family has met the family responsibility for the first child in a State
18 fiscal year.

19 (cf: P.L.1998, c.143, s.4)

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21 2. This act shall take effect on the 30th day following
22 enactment.

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25 STATEMENT

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27 This bill amends the law establishing the Catastrophic Illness in
28 Children Relief Fund to provide that in the event a family has more
29 than one child with a catastrophic illness, the Catastrophic Illness in
30 Relief Fund Commission shall waive the family responsibility for
31 the other child if the family has met the family responsibility for the
32 first child in a State fiscal year. Under commission regulations
33 (N.J.A.C.10:155-1.2), “family responsibility” is defined as the
34 amount equal to 10% of the eligibility standard; and “eligibility
35 standard” is defined as the dollar amount greater than 10% of the
36 first \$100,000 of annual income of a family plus 15% of the excess
37 income over \$100,000.

38 The provisions of this bill will ensure that once a family with
39 more than one child who has a catastrophic illness meets its “family
40 responsibility” for the first child, the other child will also qualify
41 for assistance under the program and the family will not have to
42 separately meet another “family responsibility” before the second
43 child qualifies for assistance.

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Matter underlined thus is new matter.

SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 947

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 18, 2010

The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 947.

This bill amends the law establishing the Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund to provide that in the event a family has more than one child with a catastrophic illness, the Catastrophic Illness in Relief Fund Commission shall waive the family responsibility for the other child if the family has met the family responsibility for the first child in a State fiscal year. Under commission regulations (N.J.A.C.10:155-1.2), "family responsibility" is defined as the amount equal to 10% of the eligibility standard; and "eligibility standard" is defined as the dollar amount greater than 10% of the first \$100,000 of annual income of a family plus 15% of the excess income over \$100,000.

Current regulations (N.J.A.C.10:155-1.18), provide that "special cases" shall be referred to the Commission for its review and consideration. Special cases include the situation in which a family has more than one child with a catastrophic illness; and in these cases, the commission is directed to consider waiving the family responsibility for the other child.

The provisions of this bill will ensure that once a family with more than one child who has a catastrophic illness meets its "family responsibility" for the first child, and the other child qualifies for assistance under the program, the family will not have to separately meet another "family responsibility."

This bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 945 (Vainieri Huttler), which is pending before the Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee.

ASSEMBLY HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 947

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: SEPTEMBER 13, 2010

The Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 947.

This bill amends P.L.1987, c.370 (C.26:2-148 et seq.), which established the Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund (CICRF), to provide additional relief for families who have more than one child with a catastrophic illness.

Specifically, the bill provides that in the event a family has more than one child with a catastrophic illness, the CICRF Commission is to waive the family responsibility for the other child if the family has met the family responsibility for the first child in a State fiscal year.

Regulations adopted by the CICRF Commission:

- define “family responsibility” as the amount equal to 10% of the eligibility standard and “eligibility standard” as the dollar amount greater than 10% of the first \$100,000 of annual income of a family plus 15% of the excess income over \$100,000 (N.J.A.C.10:155-1.2); and
- stipulate that “special cases” be referred to the commission for its review and consideration, including when a family has more than one child with a catastrophic illness, and that, in these cases, the commission consider waiving the family responsibility for the other child (N.J.A.C.10:155-1.18).

The provisions of this bill will ensure that once a family with more than one child who has a catastrophic illness meets its “family responsibility” for the first child, and the other child qualifies for assistance from the CICRF, the family will not have to separately meet another “family responsibility.”

This bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 945 (Vainieri Huttler), which the committee also reported on this date.

ASSEMBLY, No. 945

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

214th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2010 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman VALERIE VAINIERI HUTTLE
District 37 (Bergen)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblyman Coughlin

SYNOPSIS

Concerns eligibility for Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief fund assistance when more than one child in family has catastrophic illness.

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Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 5/7/2010)

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This bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 947 (Vitale/Oroho), which the committee also reported on this date.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2010-2011 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.