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**SENATE, No. 1785**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**209th LEGISLATURE**

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INTRODUCED JUNE 7, 2001

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator ROBERT J. MARTIN**

**District 26 (Essex, Morris and Passaic)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Provides for Medicaid reimbursement for certain health care services provided at schools in Newark.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning the provision of certain health care services at  
2 schools in Newark and supplementing Title 30 of the Revised  
3 Statutes.

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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. Every health maintenance organization under contract with the  
9 Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services in the Department  
10 of Human Services that provides health care services to residents of  
11 Essex county shall contract with the Children's Hospital of New Jersey  
12 at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center for the provision of primary  
13 health care, including Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and  
14 Treatment (EPSDT) services, and dental services to be provided at  
15 designated schools in the City of Newark. Health maintenance  
16 organizations and the Children's Hospital of New Jersey shall establish  
17 the rates of reimbursement for the health care services, except that the  
18 rates shall not be less than the median rates that the health  
19 maintenance organization currently reimburses primary health care and  
20 dental providers in Essex county.

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22 2. The Children's Hospital of New Jersey shall obtain written  
23 informed consent of a parent or guardian for the provision of primary  
24 health care and dental services prior to providing any health care  
25 services to a child at a designated school pursuant to this act.

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27 3. The Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services in the  
28 Department of Human Services shall approve the Children's Hospital  
29 of New Jersey as a participating provider of psychological services  
30 under the Medicaid program pursuant to this act.

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32 4. a.. The Children's Hospital of New Jersey shall comply with all  
33 State licensure and Medicaid requirements before any health care  
34 services may be provided at the designated schools pursuant to this  
35 act.

36 b. The Children's Hospital of New Jersey shall obtain authorization  
37 in writing from the Newark Board of Education to provide health care  
38 services at designated schools pursuant to this act.

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40 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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45 The Children's Hospital of New Jersey at Newark Beth Israel  
46 Medical Center currently provides primary health care, dental and

1 psychological services at certain schools within the City of Newark.  
2 However, even though the provision of these health services complies  
3 with existing licensure and Medicaid requirements, Children's Hospital  
4 is unable to obtain third party reimbursement from the Medicaid  
5 program. Most of the children who receive the health care services  
6 are enrolled in a Medicaid managed care plan and primary health care  
7 and dental services are available through the plan's provider network;  
8 however, Children's Hospital is not part of the provider network of the  
9 various managed care plans.

10 This bill requires health maintenance organizations (HMO's) under  
11 contract with Medicaid to contract with Children's Hospital for the  
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13 in Newark to children enrolled in a Medicaid HMO plan. To assure  
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16 least at the median of the reimbursements by the HMO for network  
17 providers in Essex county for similar services. Furthermore, the bill  
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20 before such services are provided.

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# SENATE HEALTH COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### SENATE, No. 1785

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 14, 2001

The Senate Health Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1785.

This bill requires health maintenance organizations (HMOs) under contract with Medicaid to provide services to residents of Essex county, to contract with Children's Hospital of New Jersey at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center for the provision of primary health care and dental services at certain schools in Newark to children enrolled in a Medicaid HMO plan.

Children's Hospital currently provides primary health care, dental and psychological services at five schools within the City of Newark through a partnership between the hospital and the Newark public schools, and with funding from the Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey, other foundations and the Department of Human Services. Most of the children who receive the health care services are enrolled in a Medicaid managed care plan, and primary health care and dental services are available through the plan's provider network; however, Children's Hospital's school-based primary health care clinics are not part of the provider networks of the various managed care plans and, thus, are not eligible for reimbursement under the plans. The provisions of this bill would ensure that the clinics are part of the HMO networks.

Further, to ensure that reimbursement to Children's Hospital for primary health care and dental services is reasonable, the bill provides that the rates shall be at least at the median of the reimbursements by the HMO for network providers in Essex county for similar services. Furthermore, the bill requires Children's Hospital to obtain the written informed consent of the parent or legal guardian of a child to provide health care services before such services are provided.

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# ASSEMBLY HEALTH COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### SENATE, No. 1785

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 19, 2001

The Assembly Health Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1785.

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P.L. 2001, CHAPTER 333, *approved January 5, 2002*  
Senate, No. 1785

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## CHAPTER 333

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

C.30:40-17.19 HMOs, certain, to contract for services provided at certain Newark schools.

1. Every health maintenance organization under contract with the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services in the Department of Human Services that provides health care services to residents of Essex county shall contract with the Children's Hospital of New Jersey at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center for the provision of primary health care, including Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) services, and dental services to be provided at designated schools in the City of Newark. Health maintenance organizations and the Children's Hospital of New Jersey shall establish the rates of reimbursement for the health care services, except that the rates shall not be less than the median rates that the health maintenance organization currently reimburses primary health care and dental providers in Essex county.

C.30:4D-17.20 Written informed parental consent.

2. The Children's Hospital of New Jersey shall obtain written informed consent of a parent or guardian for the provision of primary health care and dental services prior to providing any health care services to a child at a designated school pursuant to this act.

C.30:4D-17.21 Approval as provider of psychological services.

3. The Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services in the Department of Human Services shall approve the Children's Hospital of New Jersey as a participating provider of psychological services under the Medicaid program pursuant to this act.

C.30:4D-17.22 Compliance with licensure, Medicaid requirements; authorization.

4. a. The Children's Hospital of New Jersey shall comply with all State licensure and Medicaid requirements before any health care services may be provided at the designated schools pursuant to this act.

b. The Children's Hospital of New Jersey shall obtain authorization in writing from the Newark Board of Education to provide health care services at designated schools pursuant to this act.

5. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved January 5, 2002.