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SENATE, No. 658

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
209th LEGISLATURE

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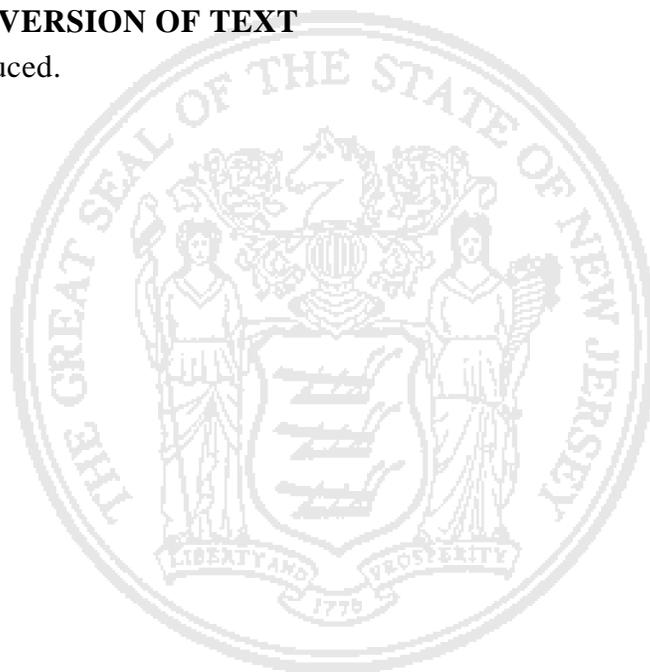
**Senators Bassano, McNamara, Cafiero, Bennett, Bark, Bucco, Robertson,
Kosco, Palaia, Kavanaugh, Matheussen, Sinagra, Allen, Inverso and
Martin**

SYNOPSIS

Requires use of standard physician application for participation form by certain carriers.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 11/14/2000)

1 AN ACT concerning certain application forms for managed care plans
2 and supplementing P.L.1997, 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. The Commissioner of Health and Senior Services shall adopt
8 regulations to establish a standard physician application for
9 participation form for use by carriers which offer managed care plans
10 for the purpose of credentialing physicians who seek to participate in
11 a carrier's provider network and for the purpose of credentialing
12 physicians who are employed by hospitals or other health care facilities
13 which seek to participate in a carrier's provider network, and for
14 renewal thereof.

15 In developing the regulations, the commissioner shall consult with
16 the Commissioner of Human Services to ensure that the credentialing
17 requirements for the Medicaid program, established pursuant to
18 P.L.1968, c.413 (C.30:4D-1 et seq.) and the Children's Health
19 Coverage Program, established pursuant to P.L.1997, c.272 (C.30:4I-
20 1 et seq.) are adequately reflected on the standard physician
21 application for participation form.

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23 2. Within 90 days of the adoption of regulations pursuant to
24 section 1 of this act, a carrier which offers a managed care plan shall
25 use the standard physician application for participation form adopted
26 pursuant to that section for the purpose of credentialing physicians
27 who seek to participate in the carrier's provider network and for the
28 purpose of credentialing physicians who are employed by hospitals or
29 other health care facilities which seek to participate in the carrier's
30 provider network, and for renewal thereof.

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32 3. The Commissioner of Health and Senior Services shall adopt
33 regulations, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act,"
34 P.L.1968, c. 410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), necessary to carry out the
35 purposes of this act.

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37 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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40 STATEMENT

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42 This bill requires health insurance carriers which offer managed care
43 plans to use a standard physician application for participation form
44 adopted by regulation of the Commissioner of Health and Senior
45 Services for the purpose of credentialing physicians who seek to
46 participate in the carrier's provider network and for the purpose of

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1 credentialing physicians who are employed by health care facilities
2 which seek to participate in the carrier's network.

3 The bill provides that in developing the regulations to establish the
4 standard form, the commissioner shall consult with the Commissioner
5 of Human Services to ensure that the credentialing requirements for
6 the Medicaid program and the Children's Health Coverage Program
7 are adequately reflected on the form.

SENATE HEALTH COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 658

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 1, 2000

The Senate Health Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 658.

As amended by committee, this bill requires health insurance carriers which offer managed care plans to use a universal physician application for participation form adopted by regulation of the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services for the purpose of credentialing physicians who seek to participate in the carrier's provider network and for the purpose of credentialing physicians who are employed by hospitals and other health care facilities which seek to participate in the carrier's network.

The bill provides that in developing the universal application form and a renewal form, the commissioner shall consult with the New Jersey Association of Health Plans, the Health Insurance Association of America, the New Jersey Hospital Association and such other representatives of managed care plans as the commissioner deems appropriate. The commissioner shall also consult with the Commissioner of Human Services to ensure that the credentialing requirements for the Medicaid, NJ KidCare and NJ FamilyCare programs are adequately reflected on the forms. The commissioner is directed to adopt the forms, by regulation, within 180 days of the date of enactment of the bill.

The bill provides that a managed care plan shall accept the universal application and renewal forms, within 180 days of their adoption by the commissioner for the purpose of credentialing physicians who seek to participate in the carrier's provider network. The bill also provides, however, that a carrier may request additional information from an applicant that is not provided for on the universal application or renewal form, as applicable, if the requested information does not duplicate any information included in the respective form.

The committee amended the bill to:

- require the commissioner to also adopt a form for renewal of credentialing, which shall be an abbreviated version of the universal physician application form and shall be designed to enable a physician to indicate changes in the information provided in the initial

application form;

- direct the commissioner to revise the application and renewal forms, as necessary, to conform with industry-wide, national standards for credentialing;

- require the commissioner to consult with the New Jersey Association of Health Plans, the Health Insurance Association of America, the New Jersey Hospital Association and such other representatives of managed care plans as the commissioner deems appropriate, in developing the universal application and renewal forms;

- provide that the form shall be a universal application form, rather than a standard application form;

- include reference to the NJ FamilyCare program in the list of State health care coverage programs about which the commissioner shall consult with the Commissioner of Human Services;

- clarify that managed care plans shall "accept" the universal application and renewal forms, rather than "use" the forms as the bill originally provided;

- provide that the carriers shall accept the forms within 180 days of their adoption, rather than 90 days, as the bill originally provided;

- provide that carriers may request additional information from an applicant as long as it is not duplicative of information provided on the universal application or renewal forms; and

- provide that the regulations adopting the forms shall be adopted within 180 days of the date of enactment of the bill.

[First Reprint]

SENATE, No. 658

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
209th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JANUARY 24, 2000

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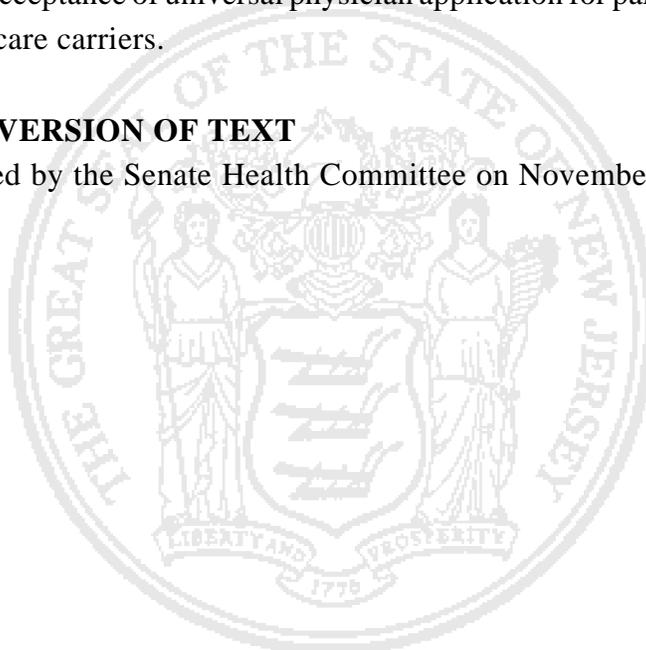
**Senators Bassano, McNamara, Cafiero, Bennett, Bark, Robertson, Kosco,
Palaia, Kavanaugh, Matheussen, Sinagra, Allen, Inverso and Martin**

SYNOPSIS

Requires acceptance of universal physician application for participation form by managed care carriers.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Health Committee on November 9, 2000, with amendments.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 12/5/2000)

1 AN ACT concerning certain application forms for managed care plans
2 and supplementing P.L.1997, c.192 (C.26:2S-1 et seq.).

3
4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

6
7 1. The Commissioner of Health and Senior Services¹, in
8 consultation with the New Jersey Association of Health Plans, the
9 Health Insurance Association of America, the New Jersey Hospital
10 Association and such other representatives of managed care plans as
11 the commissioner deems appropriate,¹ shall adopt ¹[regulations to
12 establish a standard] by regulation, a universal¹ physician application
13 for participation form for use by carriers which offer managed care
14 plans for the purpose of credentialing physicians who seek to
15 participate in a carrier's provider network and for the purpose of
16 credentialing physicians who are employed by hospitals or other health
17 care facilities which seek to participate in a carrier's provider network
18 ¹[, and for renewal thereof]¹.

19 ¹The commissioner, in consultation with the New Jersey
20 Association of Health Plans, the Health Insurance Association of
21 America, the New Jersey Hospital Association and such other
22 representatives of managed care plans as the commissioner deems
23 appropriate, shall also adopt by regulation a form for renewal of
24 credentialing, which shall be an abbreviated version of the universal
25 application form. The renewal form shall be designed to enable a
26 physician to indicate changes in the information provided in the
27 application form.

28 The commissioner shall revise the universal application and renewal
29 forms, as necessary, to conform with industry-wide, national standards
30 for credentialing.¹

31 In developing the ¹[regulations] forms¹, the commissioner shall
32 consult with the Commissioner of Human Services to ensure that the
33 credentialing requirements for ¹participation in¹ the Medicaid
34 program, established pursuant to P.L.1968, c.413 (C.30:4D-1 et seq.)
35 ¹[and],¹ the ¹[Children's Health Coverage Program] the health care
36 coverage program for children¹, established pursuant to P.L.1997,
37 c.272 (C.30:4I-1 et seq.) ¹and the FamilyCare Health Coverage
38 Program established pursuant to P.L.2000, c.71 (C.30:4J-1 et seq.)¹
39 are adequately reflected on the ¹[standard physician]¹ application
40 ¹[for participation form] and renewal forms¹.

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Senate SHH committee amendments adopted November 9, 2000.

1 2. Within ¹[90] 180¹ days of the adoption of ¹[regulations] the
2 forms by regulation¹ pursuant to ¹[section 1 of]¹ this act, a carrier
3 which offers a managed care plan shall ¹[use the standard] accept the
4 universal¹ physician application for participation form ¹and renewal
5 form¹ adopted pursuant to ¹[that section] this act¹ for the purpose of
6 credentialing physicians who seek to participate in the carrier's
7 provider network and for the purpose of credentialing physicians who
8 are employed by hospitals or other health care facilities which seek to
9 participate in the carrier's provider network ¹[, and for renewal
10 thereof]¹.

11 ¹Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent a carrier from
12 requesting additional information from an applicant that is not
13 provided for in the universal application or renewal form, as
14 applicable, if the requested information does not duplicate any
15 information included in the applicable form.¹

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17 3. The Commissioner of Health and Senior Services shall adopt
18 regulations ¹within 180 days of the date of enactment of this act¹,
19 pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410
20 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), necessary to carry out the purposes of this act.

21

22 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

ASSEMBLY HEALTH COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

SENATE, No. 658

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 5, 2001

The Assembly Health Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 658 (1R).

As amended by the committee, this bill requires health insurance carriers which offer managed care plans to use a universal physician application for participation form, and a form for renewal of credentialing, adopted by regulation of the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services for the purpose of credentialing physicians who seek to participate in the carrier's provider network and for the purpose of credentialing physicians who are employed by hospitals and other health care facilities which seek to participate in the carrier's network.

The bill provides that in developing the universal application form and the renewal form, the commissioner shall consult with the New Jersey Association of Health Plans, the Medical Society of New Jersey, the Health Insurance Association of America, the New Jersey Hospital Association and such other representatives of managed care plans as the commissioner deems appropriate. The commissioner shall also consult with the Commissioner of Human Services to ensure that the credentialing requirements for the Medicaid, NJ KidCare and NJ FamilyCare programs are adequately reflected on the forms. The commissioner is directed to adopt the forms, by regulation, within 180 days of the date of enactment of the bill.

The bill provides that a managed care plan shall accept the universal application and renewal forms, within 180 days of their adoption by the commissioner, for the purpose of credentialing physicians who seek to participate in the carrier's provider network. The bill also provides, however, that a carrier may request additional information from an applicant that is not provided for on the universal application or renewal form, as applicable, if the requested information does not duplicate any information included in the form.

The committee amended the bill to include the Medical Society of New Jersey among the organizations to be consulted by the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services in developing the

universal physician application for participation form and the form for renewal of credentialing.

As reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 2456 Aca (Cottrell/Malone), which the committee also reported on this date.

[Second Reprint]

SENATE, No. 658

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
209th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JANUARY 24, 2000

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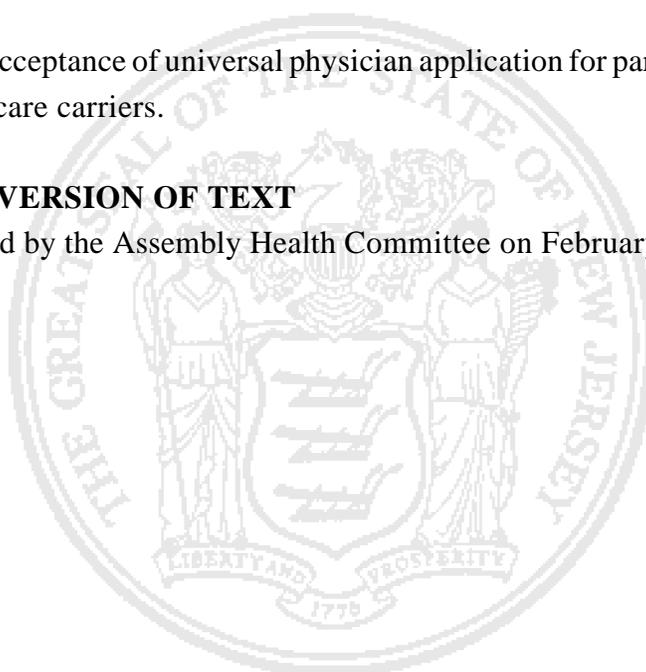
Senators Bassano, McNamara, Cafiero, Bennett, Bark, Robertson, Kosco, Palaia, Kavanaugh, Matheussen, Sinagra, Allen, Inverso, Martin, Assemblymen Cottrell, Malone, Holzapfel, Moran and Conaway

SYNOPSIS

Requires acceptance of universal physician application for participation form by managed care carriers.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Health Committee on February 5, 2001, with amendments.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/27/2001)

1 AN ACT concerning certain application forms for managed care plans
2 and supplementing P.L.1997, 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:*

6
7 1. The Commissioner of Health and Senior Services¹, in
8 consultation with the New Jersey Association of Health Plans, the
9 Health Insurance Association of America, ²the Medical Society of
10 New Jersey, ² the New Jersey Hospital Association and such other
11 representatives of managed care plans as the commissioner deems
12 appropriate,¹ shall adopt ¹**[regulations to establish a standard]** by
13 regulation, a universal¹ physician application for participation form for
14 use by carriers which offer managed care plans for the purpose of
15 credentialing physicians who seek to participate in a carrier's provider
16 network and for the purpose of credentialing physicians who are
17 employed by hospitals or other health care facilities which seek to
18 participate in a carrier's provider network ¹**[**, and for renewal
19 thereof]¹.

20 ¹The commissioner, in consultation with the New Jersey
21 Association of Health Plans, the Health Insurance Association of
22 America, ²the Medical Society of New Jersey, ² the New Jersey
23 Hospital Association and such other representatives of managed care
24 plans as the commissioner deems appropriate, shall also adopt by
25 regulation a form for renewal of credentialing, which shall be an
26 abbreviated version of the universal application form. The renewal
27 form shall be designed to enable a physician to indicate changes in the
28 information provided in the application form.

29 The commissioner shall revise the universal application and renewal
30 forms, as necessary, to conform with industry-wide, national standards
31 for credentialing.¹

32 In developing the ¹**[regulations]** forms¹, the commissioner shall
33 consult with the Commissioner of Human Services to ensure that the
34 credentialing requirements for ¹participation in¹ the Medicaid
35 program, established pursuant to P.L.1968, c.413 (C.30:4D-1 et seq.)
36 ¹**[and],**¹ the ¹**[Children's Health Coverage Program]** the health care
37 coverage program for children¹, established pursuant to P.L.1997,
38 c.272 (C.30:4I-1 et seq.) ¹and the FamilyCare Health Coverage
39 Program established pursuant to P.L.2000, c.71 (C.30:4J-1 et seq.)¹
40 are adequately reflected on the ¹**[standard physician]**¹ application

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Senate SHH committee amendments adopted November 9, 2000.

² Assembly AHL committee amendments adopted February 5, 2001.

1 1[for participation form] and renewal forms¹.

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3 2. Within 1[90] 180¹ days of the adoption of 1[regulations] the
4 forms by regulation¹ pursuant to 1[section 1 of]¹ this act, a carrier
5 which offers a managed care plan shall 1[use the standard] accept the
6 universal¹ physician application for participation form 1and renewal
7 form¹ adopted pursuant to 1[that section] this act¹ for the purpose of
8 credentialing physicians who seek to participate in the carrier's
9 provider network and for the purpose of credentialing physicians who
10 are employed by hospitals or other health care facilities which seek to
11 participate in the carrier's provider network 1[, and for renewal
12 thereof]¹.

13 1Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent a carrier from
14 requesting additional information from an applicant that is not
15 provided for in the universal application or renewal form, as
16 applicable, if the requested information does not duplicate any
17 information included in the applicable form.¹

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19 3. The Commissioner of Health and Senior Services shall adopt
20 regulations 1within 180 days of the date of enactment of this act¹,
21 pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410
22 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), necessary to carry out the purposes of this act.

23

24 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

ASSEMBLY, No. 2456

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 209th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 22, 2000

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman MELVIN COTTRELL

District 30 (Burlington, Monmouth and Ocean)

Assemblyman JOSEPH R. MALONE, III

District 30 (Burlington, Monmouth and Ocean)

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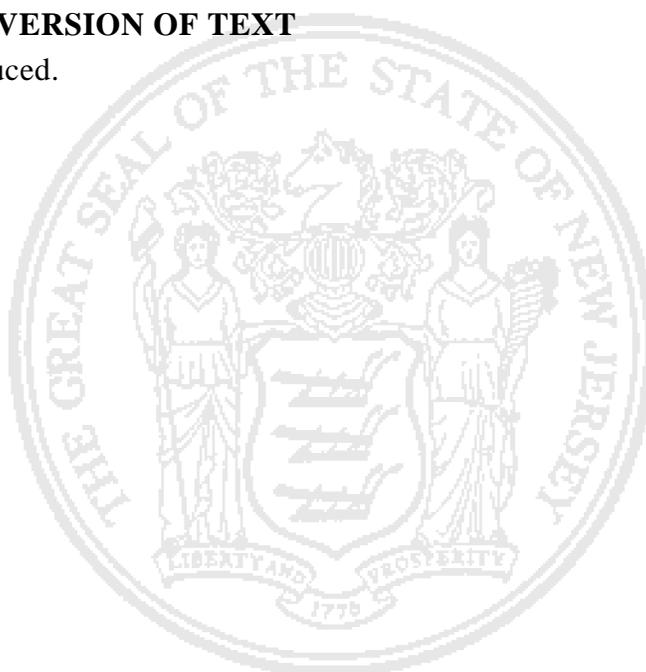
Assemblymen Holzapfel and Moran

SYNOPSIS

Requires use of standard physician application for participation form by certain carriers.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning certain application forms for managed care plans
2 and supplementing P.L.1997, 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
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7 1. The Commissioner of Health and Senior Services shall adopt
8 regulations to establish a standard physician application for
9 participation form for use by carriers which offer managed care plans
10 for the purpose of credentialing physicians who seek to participate in
11 a carrier's provider network and for the purpose of credentialing
12 physicians who are employed by hospitals or other health care facilities
13 which seek to participate in a carrier's provider network, and for
14 renewal thereof.

15 In developing the regulations, the commissioner shall consult with
16 the Commissioner of Human Services to ensure that the credentialing
17 requirements for the Medicaid program, established pursuant to
18 P.L.1968, c.413 (C.30:4D-1 et seq.) and the Children's Health
19 Coverage Program, established pursuant to P.L.1997, c.272 (C.30:4I-
20 1 et seq.) are adequately reflected on the standard physician
21 application for participation form.
22

23 2. Within 90 days of the adoption of regulations pursuant to
24 section 1 of this act, a carrier which offers a managed care plan shall
25 use the standard physician application for participation form adopted
26 pursuant to that section for the purpose of credentialing physicians
27 who seek to participate in the carrier's provider network and for the
28 purpose of credentialing physicians who are employed by hospitals or
29 other health care facilities which seek to participate in the carrier's
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33 regulations, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act,"
34 P.L.1968, c. 410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), necessary to carry out the
35 purposes of this act.
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37 4. This act shall take effect immediately.
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40 STATEMENT
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42 This bill requires health insurance carriers which offer managed care
43 plans to use a standard physician application for participation form
44 adopted by regulation of the Commissioner of Health and Senior
45 Services for the purpose of credentialing physicians who seek to
46 participate in the carrier's provider network and for the purpose of

1 credentialing physicians who are employed by health care facilities
2 which seek to participate in the carrier's network.

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4 standard form, the commissioner shall consult with the Commissioner
5 of Human Services to ensure that the credentialing requirements for
6 the Medicaid program and the Children's Health Coverage Program
7 are adequately reflected on the form.

ASSEMBLY HEALTH COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2456

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 5, 2001

The Assembly Health Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 2456.

As amended by the committee, this bill requires health insurance carriers which offer managed care plans to use a universal physician application for participation form, and a form for renewal of credentialing, adopted by regulation of the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services for the purpose of credentialing physicians who seek to participate in the carrier's provider network and for the purpose of credentialing physicians who are employed by hospitals and other health care facilities which seek to participate in the carrier's network.

The bill provides that in developing the universal application form and the renewal form, the commissioner shall consult with the New Jersey Association of Health Plans, the Health Insurance Association of America, the Medical Society of New Jersey, the New Jersey Hospital Association and such other representatives of managed care plans as the commissioner deems appropriate. The commissioner shall also consult with the Commissioner of Human Services to ensure that the credentialing requirements for the Medicaid, NJ KidCare and NJ FamilyCare programs are adequately reflected on the forms. The commissioner is directed to adopt the forms, by regulation, within 180 days of the date of enactment of the bill.

The bill provides that a managed care plan shall accept the universal application and renewal forms, within 180 days of their adoption by the commissioner, for the purpose of credentialing physicians who seek to participate in the carrier's provider network. The bill also provides, however, that a carrier may request additional information from an applicant that is not provided for on the universal application or renewal form, as applicable, if the requested information does not duplicate any information included in the form.

The committee amended the bill to:

- C require the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services to also adopt a form for renewal of credentialing, which shall be an abbreviated version of the universal physician application form and shall be designed to enable a physician to indicate changes in the

- information provided in the initial application form;
- C direct the commissioner to revise the application and renewal forms, as necessary, to conform with industry-wide, national standards for credentialing;
 - C require the commissioner to consult with the New Jersey Association of Health Plans, the Health Insurance Association of America, the Medical Society of New Jersey, the New Jersey Hospital Association and such other representatives of managed care plans as the commissioner deems appropriate, in developing the universal application and renewal forms;
 - C provide that the form shall be a universal application form, rather than a standard application form;
 - C include reference to the NJ FamilyCare Health Coverage Program in the list of State health care coverage programs about which the commissioner shall consult with the Commissioner of Human Services;
 - C clarify that managed care plans shall "accept" the universal application and renewal forms, rather than "use" the forms as the bill originally provided;
 - C provide that the carriers shall accept the forms within 180 days of their adoption (rather than 90 days, as the bill originally provided);
 - C permit carriers to request additional information from an applicant as long as it does not duplicate information provided on the universal application or renewal forms; and
 - C provide that the regulations adopting the forms shall be adopted within 180 days of the date of enactment of the bill.

As reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 658 (1R) Aca (Singer/Bucco), which the committee also reported on this date.

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 2456

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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INTRODUCED MAY 22, 2000

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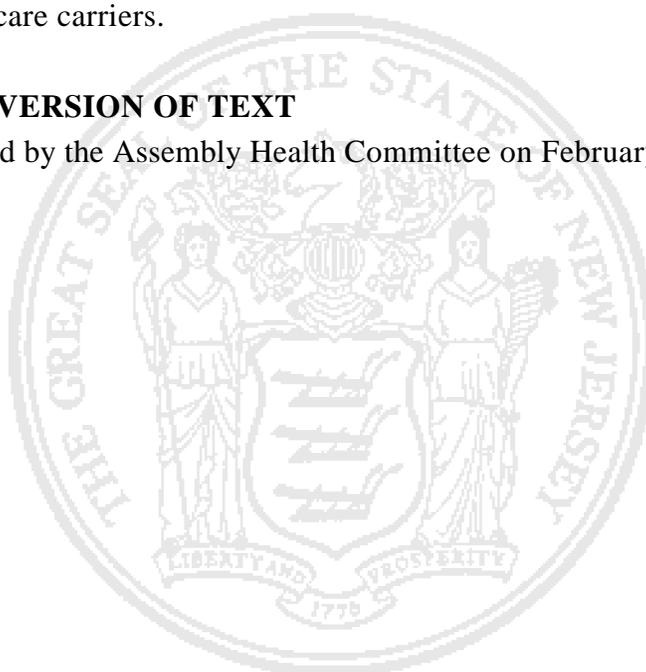
Assemblymen Holzapfel, Moran and Conaway

SYNOPSIS

Requires acceptance of universal physician application for participation form by managed care carriers.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Health Committee on February 5, 2001, with amendments.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/27/2001)

1 AN ACT concerning certain application forms for managed care plans
2 and supplementing P.L.1997, c.192 (C.26:2S-1 et seq.).

3
4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

6
7 1. The Commissioner of Health and Senior Services¹, in
8 consultation with the New Jersey Association of Health Plans, the
9 Health Insurance Association of America, the Medical Society of New
10 Jersey, the New Jersey Hospital Association and such other
11 representatives of managed care plans as the commissioner deems
12 appropriate,¹ shall adopt ¹[regulations to establish a standard] by
13 regulation, a universal¹ physician application for participation form for
14 use by carriers which offer managed care plans for the purpose of
15 credentialing physicians who seek to participate in a carrier's provider
16 network and for the purpose of credentialing physicians who are
17 employed by hospitals or other health care facilities which seek to
18 participate in a carrier's provider network ¹[, and for renewal
19 thereof]¹.

20 ¹The commissioner, in consultation with the New Jersey
21 Association of Health Plans, the Health Insurance Association of
22 America, the Medical Society of New Jersey, the New Jersey Hospital
23 Association and such other representatives of managed care plans as
24 the commissioner deems appropriate, shall also adopt by regulation a
25 form for renewal of credentialing, which shall be an abbreviated
26 version of the universal application form. The renewal form shall be
27 designed to enable a physician to indicate changes in the information
28 provided in the application form.

29 The commissioner shall revise the universal application and renewal
30 forms, as necessary, to conform with industry-wide, national standards
31 for credentialing.¹

32 In developing the ¹[regulations] forms¹, the commissioner shall
33 consult with the Commissioner of Human Services to ensure that the
34 credentialing requirements for ¹participation in¹ the Medicaid
35 program, established pursuant to P.L.1968, c.413 (C.30:4D-1 et seq.)
36 ¹[and],¹ the ¹[Children's Health Coverage Program] the health care
37 coverage program for children¹, established pursuant to P.L.1997,
38 c.272 (C.30:4I-1 et seq.) ¹and the FamilyCare Health Coverage
39 Program established pursuant to P.L.2000, c.71 (C.30:4J-1 et seq.)¹
40 are adequately reflected on the ¹[standard physician]¹ application
41 ¹[for participation form] and renewal forms¹.

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Assembly AHL committee amendments adopted February 5, 2001.

1 2. Within ¹[90] 180¹ days of the adoption of ¹[regulations] the
2 forms by regulation¹ pursuant to ¹[section 1 of]¹ this act, a carrier
3 which offers a managed care plan shall ¹[use the standard] accept the
4 universal¹ physician application for participation form ¹and renewal
5 form¹ adopted pursuant to ¹[that section] this act¹ for the purpose of
6 credentialing physicians who seek to participate in the carrier's
7 provider network and for the purpose of credentialing physicians who
8 are employed by hospitals or other health care facilities which seek to
9 participate in the carrier's provider network ¹[, and for renewal
10 thereof]¹.

11 ¹Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent a carrier from
12 requesting additional information from an applicant that is not
13 provided for in the universal application or renewal form, as
14 applicable, if the requested information does not duplicate any
15 information included in the applicable form.¹

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17 3. The Commissioner of Health and Senior Services shall adopt
18 regulations ¹within 180 days of the date of enactment of this act¹,
19 pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410
20 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), necessary to carry out the purposes of this act.

21
22 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

P.L. 2001, CHAPTER 88, *approved May 10, 2001*
Senate, No. 658 (*Second Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning certain application forms for managed care plans
2 and supplementing P.L.1997, c.192 (C.26:2S-1 et seq.).

3

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

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7 1. The Commissioner of Health and Senior Services¹, in
8 consultation with the New Jersey Association of Health Plans, the
9 Health Insurance Association of America, ²the Medical Society of
10 New Jersey, ² the New Jersey Hospital Association and such other
11 representatives of managed care plans as the commissioner deems
12 appropriate,¹ shall adopt ¹[regulations to establish a standard] by
13 regulation, a universal¹ physician application for participation form for
14 use by carriers which offer managed care plans for the purpose of
15 credentialing physicians who seek to participate in a carrier's provider
16 network and for the purpose of credentialing physicians who are
17 employed by hospitals or other health care facilities which seek to
18 participate in a carrier's provider network ¹[, and for renewal
19 thereof]¹.

20 ¹The commissioner, in consultation with the New Jersey
21 Association of Health Plans, the Health Insurance Association of
22 America, ²the Medical Society of New Jersey, ² the New Jersey
23 Hospital Association and such other representatives of managed care
24 plans as the commissioner deems appropriate, shall also adopt by
25 regulation a form for renewal of credentialing, which shall be an
26 abbreviated version of the universal application form. The renewal
27 form shall be designed to enable a physician to indicate changes in the
28 information provided in the application form.

29 The commissioner shall revise the universal application and renewal
30 forms, as necessary, to conform with industry-wide, national standards
31 for credentialing.¹

32 In developing the ¹[regulations] forms¹, the commissioner shall
33 consult with the Commissioner of Human Services to ensure that the
34 credentialing requirements for ¹participation in¹ the Medicaid
35 program, established pursuant to P.L.1968, c.413 (C.30:4D-1 et seq.)
36 ¹[and],¹ the ¹[Children's Health Coverage Program] the health care
37 coverage program for children¹, established pursuant to P.L.1997,

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Senate SHH committee amendments adopted November 9, 2000.

² Assembly AHL committee amendments adopted February 5, 2001.

1 c.272 (C.30:4I-1 et seq.) ¹and the FamilyCare Health Coverage
2 Program established pursuant to P.L.2000, c.71 (C.30:4J-1 et seq.)¹
3 are adequately reflected on the ¹[standard physician]¹ application
4 ¹[for participation form] and renewal forms¹.

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6 2. Within ¹[90] 180¹ days of the adoption of ¹[regulations] the
7 forms by regulation¹ pursuant to ¹[section 1 of]¹ this act, a carrier
8 which offers a managed care plan shall ¹[use the standard] accept the
9 universal¹ physician application for participation form ¹and renewal
10 form¹ adopted pursuant to ¹[that section] this act¹ for the purpose of
11 credentialing physicians who seek to participate in the carrier's
12 provider network and for the purpose of credentialing physicians who
13 are employed by hospitals or other health care facilities which seek to
14 participate in the carrier's provider network ¹[, and for renewal
15 thereof]¹.

16 ¹Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent a carrier from
17 requesting additional information from an applicant that is not
18 provided for in the universal application or renewal form, as
19 applicable, if the requested information does not duplicate any
20 information included in the applicable form.¹

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22 3. The Commissioner of Health and Senior Services shall adopt
23 regulations ¹within 180 days of the date of enactment of this act¹,
24 pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410
25 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), necessary to carry out the purposes of this act.

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27 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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32 Requires acceptance of universal physician application for
33 participation form by managed care carriers.

CHAPTER 88

AN ACT concerning certain application forms for managed care plans and supplementing P.L.1997, c.192 (C.26:2S-1 et seq.).

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

C.26:2S-7.1 Universal application for credentialing physicians for a carrier's provider network.

1. The Commissioner of Health and Senior Services, in consultation with the New Jersey Association of Health Plans, the Health Insurance Association of America, the Medical Society of New Jersey, the New Jersey Hospital Association and such other representatives of managed care plans as the commissioner deems appropriate, shall adopt by regulation, a universal physician application for participation form for use by carriers which offer managed care plans for the purpose of credentialing physicians who seek to participate in a carrier's provider network and for the purpose of credentialing physicians who are employed by hospitals or other health care facilities which seek to participate in a carrier's provider network.

The commissioner, in consultation with the New Jersey Association of Health Plans, the Health Insurance Association of America, the Medical Society of New Jersey, the New Jersey Hospital Association and such other representatives of managed care plans as the commissioner deems appropriate, shall also adopt by regulation a form for renewal of credentialing, which shall be an abbreviated version of the universal application form. The renewal form shall be designed to enable a physician to indicate changes in the information provided in the application form.

The commissioner shall revise the universal application and renewal forms, as necessary, to conform with industry-wide, national standards for credentialing.

In developing the forms, the commissioner shall consult with the Commissioner of Human Services to ensure that the credentialing requirements for participation in the Medicaid program, established pursuant to P.L.1968, c.413 (C.30:4D-1 et seq.), the health care coverage program for children, established pursuant to P.L.1997, c.272 (C.30:4I-1 et seq.) and the FamilyCare Health Coverage Program established pursuant to P.L.2000, c.71 (C.30:4J-1 et seq.) are adequately reflected on the application and renewal forms.

C.26:2S-7.2 Acceptance of application by carriers.

2. Within 180 days of the adoption of the forms by regulation pursuant to this act, a carrier which offers a managed care plan shall accept the universal physician application for participation form and renewal form adopted pursuant to this act for the purpose of credentialing physicians who seek to participate in the carrier's provider network and for the purpose of credentialing physicians who are employed by hospitals or other health care facilities which seek to participate in the carrier's provider network.

Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent a carrier from requesting additional information from an applicant that is not provided for in the universal application or renewal form, as applicable, if the requested information does not duplicate any information included in the applicable form.

C.26:2S-7.3. Rules, regulations.

3. The Commissioner of Health and Senior Services shall adopt regulations within 180 days of the date of enactment of this act, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), necessary to carry out the purposes of this act.

4. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved May 10, 2001.