

30:4D-6.2 to 30:4D-6.6

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

NJSA 30:4D-6.2 to 30:4D-6.6 (Invalid coach service--medicaid recipients--regulate)

LAWS 1981 CHAPTER 134

Bill No. A926

Sponsor(s) Deverin and Lesniak

Date Introduced Feb. 11, 1980

Committee: Assembly Institutions, Health and Welfare

Senate Institutions, Health and Welfare

Amended during passage Yes ~~No~~ Amendments during passage denoted by asterisks

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Following statements are attached if available:

Sponsor statement Yes ~~No~~ (Below)

Committee Statement: Assembly Yes ~~No~~

Senate Yes ~~No~~

Fiscal Note ~~Yes~~ No

Veto Message ~~Yes~~ No

Message on signing ~~Yes~~ No

Following were printed:

Reports ~~Yes~~ No

Hearings ~~Yes~~ No

Sponsor's statement:

This legislation would regulate invalid coach services for Medicaid recipients. Invalid coach services are a type of medical transportation, supervised by trained personnel, provided for medicaid recipients who are under the care and supervision of a physician and require transportation for medical care.

6/22/81 See: 12 NJR 21 (a) (Jan. 10, 1980)

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Attached: Newark Star Ledger newspaper article, (11-18-79--:20-79) on subject of invalid coach service.

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ASSEMBLY, No. 926

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 11, 1980

By Assemblymen DEVERIN and LESNIAK

Referred to Committee on Institutions, Health and Welfare

AN ACT regulating invalid coach services and supplementing the  
“New Jersey Medical Assistance and Health Services Act,”  
P. L. 1968, c. 413 approved January 15, 1969 (C. 30:4D-1 et seq.).

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

1 1. For the purposes of this act:

2 a. “Certified trained personnel” means that the one or more  
3 individuals directly providing invalid coach services shall possess  
4 and carry upon his person a current certificate of completion of an  
5 advanced medical training course, as determined by the Commis-  
6 sioner of \***[Human Services]**\* *Health*.\*

7 b. “Division” means the Division of Medical Assistance and  
8 Health Services in the Department of Human Services.

9 c. “Invalid coach service” means the provision of nonemergency  
10 health care transportation, supervised by certified trained per-  
11 sonnel, for sick, infirm or otherwise disabled Medicaid recipients  
12 who are under the care and supervision of a physician and whose  
13 medical condition is not of sufficient magnitude or gravity to re-  
14 quire transportation by ambulance, but does require transportation  
15 from place to place for medical care and whose use of an alternate  
16 form of transportation, such as taxicab, bus, other public con-  
17 veyance or private vehicle might create a serious risk to life and  
18 health.

19 d. “Medicaid recipient” means any person who is determined to  
20 be eligible to receive invalid coach services as provided under this  
21 act and meets the eligibility requirements pursuant to the “New  
22 Jersey Medical Assistance and Health Services Act,” P. L. 1968,  
23 c. 413.

24 e. “Provider” means any person, public or private institution,  
25 agency or business concern lawfully providing invalid coach  
26 services authorized under this act.

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

1 2. No provider of invalid coach services shall be approved for  
 2 reimbursement by the Division of Medical Assistance and Health  
 3 Services for services rendered to Medicaid recipients unless such  
 4 provider meets all the standards and requirements issued pursuant  
 5 to section 3 and section 5 of this act.

1 3. \***[The]**\* *\*After consulting with the\** Commissioner of Human  
 1A Services\*, *the Commissioner of Health\** is authorized and em-  
 2 powered to issue and enforce, or cause to be issued and enforced  
 3 through the division, all necessary rules, regulations and admin-  
 4 istrative orders with respect to:

5 a. The development of minimum requirements concerning the  
 6 equipment, supplies and vehicles of providers of invalid coach  
 7 services;

8 b. The establishment of standards for the amount of liability  
 9 insurance each provider must maintain in order to be eligible to  
 10 provide invalid coach services. Evidence of such insurance, includ-  
 11 ing the name of the insurer and the policy number, shall be filed at  
 12 the time of application for approval by the division and from time-  
 13 to-time as the \***[commissioner]**\* *\*division\** shall deem necessary;  
 13A and

14 c. The establishment of standards for certified trained personnel  
 15 employed by providers of invalid coach services.

1 4. The provisions of this act shall not apply to services provided  
 2 by volunteer first aid, rescue and ambulance squads as defined in  
 3 the "New Jersey Highway Safety Act of 1971," P. L. 1971, c. 351  
 4 (C. 27:5F-1 et seq.).

1 5. a. \***[The]**\* *\*After consulting with the\** Commissioner of  
 1A Human Services\*, *the Commissioner of Health\** is authorized and  
 2 empowered to adopt such rules and regulations as are necessary  
 3 to carry out his functions and duties under this act and to effectuate  
 4 its purposes.

5 b. The provisions of the "New Jersey Medical Assistance and  
 6 Health Services Act" and all rules, regulations and administrative  
 7 orders issued thereunder shall apply, where applicable.

1 6. This act shall take effect 180 days following enactment.

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ASSEMBLY INSTITUTIONS, HEALTH AND WELFARE  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 926**

with Assembly committee amendments

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

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DATED: JUNE 16, 1980

This legislation regulates the provision of invalid coach services for recipients of Medicaid benefits. Invalid coach services are a certain type of medical transportation, supervised by certified trained personnel, that are provided for Medicaid recipients who are under the care and supervision of a physician and require transportation for medical care.

The committee believes that regulatory authority for this legislation should be in the State Department of Health. The committee amended the bill so that the Commissioner of Health, after consulting with the Commissioner of Human Services, is authorized to issue and enforce all necessary rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this bill.

The committee supports the objectives of this legislation.

SENATE INSTITUTIONS, HEALTH AND WELFARE  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 926**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: FEBRUARY 23, 1981

This bill authorizes the Commissioner of Health in consultation with the Commissioner of Human Services to regulate "invalid coach services" for Medicaid recipients. The Commissioner of Health is authorized to set minimum standards for personnel, equipment and liability insurance coverage associated with the provision of invalid coach services.

The committee supports the need for regulation of the invalid coach services industry; however, it recognizes that regulation may result in some new costs to the State Departments of Health and Human Services which administer the Medicaid program. The added costs for regulation and enforcement are estimated at \$14,000.00 to \$20,000.00 per year; however, these costs are 50% reimbursable by the Federal government (Medicaid) and they may be balanced by savings that will result from regulation of the use of the service. Added State Medicaid costs due to higher fees charged in response to regulation cannot be estimated now; however, the committee recognizes that increased Medicaid costs is a possibility and, while this is a matter of great concern, the committee believes that the need for regulation of the industry is well established and that this bill provides the necessary mechanism for the regulation.