

# 26:2H-18g

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**SPONSOR(S):** Panter

**DATE INTRODUCED:** May 20, 2004

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**SENATE:** Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens

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### A2884

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[SENATE:](#) [Yes](#)

**FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT:** No

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### S1609

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P.L. 2005, CHAPTER 116, *approved June 29, 2005*  
Assembly, No. 2884 (*Second Reprint*)

1 AN ACT designating <sup>1</sup>[a]<sup>1</sup> State specialty acute care children's  
2 <sup>1</sup>[hospital] hospitals<sup>1</sup> for Monmouth and Ocean counties,  
3 supplementing Title 26 of the Revised Statutes and amending  
4 P.L.1987, c.299 and P.L.1992, c.181.

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

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9 <sup>1</sup>[1. (New section) The Legislature finds and declares that:

10 a. Jersey Shore University Medical Center currently offers the full  
11 array of services for, and meets all of the licensure criteria that apply  
12 to, a children's hospital, and has met and complied with all of the  
13 appropriate certificate of need and licensure requirements to obtain  
14 State authorization to offer the component services that constitute a  
15 children's hospital; and

16 b. It is, therefore, appropriate that the Commissioner of Health and  
17 Senior Services designate Jersey Shore University Medical Center as  
18 the State's specialty acute care children's hospital for Monmouth and  
19 Ocean counties.]<sup>1</sup>

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21 <sup>1</sup>[2.] 1.<sup>1</sup> (New section) a. The Commissioner of Health and  
22 Senior Services, subject to the provisions of subsection b. of this  
23 section, shall designate Jersey Shore University Medical Center <sup>1</sup>and  
24 Monmouth Medical Center, each,<sup>1</sup> as the State's specialty acute care  
25 children's <sup>1</sup>[hospital] hospitals<sup>1</sup> for Monmouth and Ocean counties<sup>1</sup>,  
26 subject to the commissioner's determination that each hospital meets  
27 all of the licensure criteria that apply to a children's hospital and has  
28 met and complied with all of the<sup>2</sup>[appropriate certificate of need and  
29 licensure]<sup>2</sup> requirements to obtain State authorization to offer the  
30 component services that constitute a children's hospital. The  
31 commissioner's determination and the designation pursuant thereto  
32 shall be made separately for each hospital; and the commissioner's  
33 decision on the designation of each hospital shall be made  
34 independently of, and shall not be contingent upon, the decision on the  
35 designation of the other hospital<sup>1</sup>.

36 b. The designation <sup>1</sup>of each hospital<sup>1</sup> by the Commissioner of  
37 Health and Senior Services pursuant to subsection a. of this section  
38 shall be made subsequent to, and shall be contingent upon, the

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**Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:**

<sup>1</sup> Assembly AHH committee amendments adopted March 1, 2005.

<sup>2</sup> Senate SHH committee amendments adopted May 5, 2005.

1 execution of written transfer agreements<sup>1</sup>, respectively,<sup>1</sup> between<sup>1</sup>:<sup>1</sup>  
 2 Jersey Shore University Medical Center and a majority of the acute  
 3 care hospitals providing inpatient pediatric services located in  
 4 Monmouth and Ocean counties<sup>1</sup>; and Monmouth Medical Center and  
 5 a majority of the acute care hospitals providing inpatient pediatric  
 6 services located in Monmouth and Ocean a counties<sup>1</sup>.

7 The written agreement shall state that the other facility recognizes  
 8 Jersey Shore University Medical Center <sup>1</sup>and Monmouth Medical  
 9 Center, as applicable,<sup>1</sup> as the State's specialty acute care children's  
 10 <sup>1</sup>[hospital] hospitals<sup>1</sup> for Monmouth and Ocean counties and shall set  
 11 forth the basis on which the other facility shall make referrals to Jersey  
 12 Shore University Medical Center <sup>1</sup>or Monmouth Medical Center, as  
 13 applicable<sup>1</sup>.

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 15 <sup>1</sup>[3.] 2,<sup>1</sup> Section 3 of P.L.1987, c.299 (C.26:2H-18c) is amended  
 16 to read as follows:

17 3. a. The Commissioner of Health and Senior Services, subject to  
 18 the provisions of subsection b. of this section, shall designate Cooper  
 19 University Hospital[/University Medical Center] in the City of  
 20 Camden as the State's specialty acute care children's hospital in  
 21 southern New Jersey for the counties of Atlantic, Burlington, Camden,  
 22 Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester[, Ocean] and Salem.

23 b. The designation by the Commissioner of Health and Senior  
 24 Services pursuant to subsection a. of this section shall be made  
 25 subsequent to, and shall be contingent upon, the execution of a written  
 26 agreement between Cooper University Hospital[/University Medical  
 27 Center] and a majority of the acute care hospitals providing inpatient  
 28 pediatric services which are located in the counties listed in subsection  
 29 a. of this section.

30 The written agreement shall state that the other facility recognizes  
 31 Cooper University Hospital[/University Medical Center] as the State's  
 32 specialty acute care children's hospital for the counties listed in  
 33 subsection a. of this section and shall set forth the basis on which the  
 34 other facility shall make referrals to Cooper University  
 35 Hospital[/University Medical Center].

36 (cf: P.L.1992, c.181, s.3)

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 38 <sup>1</sup>[4.] 3,<sup>1</sup> Section 1 of P.L.1992, c.181 (C.26:2H-18d) is amended  
 39 to read as follows:

40 1. a. The Commissioner of Health and Senior Services, subject to  
 41 the provisions of subsection b. of this section, shall designate Robert  
 42 Wood Johnson University Hospital/St. Peter's [Medical Center]  
 43 University Hospital in the City of New Brunswick as the State's  
 44 specialty acute care children's hospital in central New Jersey for the  
 45 counties of Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex[, Monmouth] and

1 Somerset.

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3 Services pursuant to subsection a. of this section shall be made  
4 subsequent to, and shall be contingent upon, the execution of a written  
5 agreement between Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital/St.  
6 Peter's [Medical Center] University Hospital and a majority of the  
7 acute care hospitals providing inpatient pediatric services which are  
8 located in the counties listed in subsection a. of this section.

9 The written agreement shall state that the other facility recognizes  
10 Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital/St. Peter's [Medical  
11 Center] University Hospital as the State's specialty acute care  
12 children's hospital for the counties listed in subsection a. of this section  
13 and shall set forth the basis on which the other facility shall make  
14 referrals to Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital/St. Peter's  
15 [Medical Center] University Hospital.

16 (cf: P.L.1992, c.181, s.1)

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18 <sup>1</sup>[5. This] 4. Section 1 of this<sup>1</sup> act shall take effect immediately<sup>1</sup>,  
19 and sections 2 and 3 shall take effect upon the designation by the  
20 Commissioner of Health and Senior Services of Jersey Shore  
21 University Medical Center or Monmouth Medical Center as the State's  
22 specialty acute care children's hospital for Monmouth and Ocean  
23 counties<sup>1</sup>.

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29 Designates Jersey Shore University Medical Center and Monmouth  
30 Medical Center as State's specialty acute care children's hospitals for  
Monmouth and Ocean counties.

**ASSEMBLY, No. 2884**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**211th LEGISLATURE**

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INTRODUCED MAY 20, 2004

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman MICHAEL PANTER**

**District 12 (Mercer and Monmouth)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Designates Jersey Shore University Medical Center as State's specialty acute care children's hospital for Monmouth and Ocean counties.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



A2884 PANTER

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1 AN ACT designating a State specialty acute care children's hospital for  
2 Monmouth and Ocean counties, supplementing Title 26 of the  
3 Revised Statutes and amending P.L.1987, c.299 and P.L.1992,  
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16 b. It is, therefore, appropriate that the Commissioner of Health and  
17 Senior Services designate Jersey Shore University Medical Center as  
18 the State's specialty acute care children's hospital for Monmouth and  
19 Ocean counties.

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21 2. (New section) a. The Commissioner of Health and Senior  
22 Services, subject to the provisions of subsection b. of this section,  
23 shall designate Jersey Shore University Medical Center as the State's  
24 specialty acute care children's hospital for Monmouth and Ocean  
25 counties.

26 b. The designation by the Commissioner of Health and Senior  
27 Services pursuant to subsection a. of this section shall be made  
28 subsequent to, and shall be contingent upon, the execution of written  
29 transfer agreements between Jersey Shore University Medical Center  
30 and a majority of the acute care hospitals providing inpatient pediatric  
31 services located in Monmouth and Ocean counties.

32 The written agreement shall state that the other facility recognizes  
33 Jersey Shore University Medical Center as the State's specialty acute  
34 care children's hospital for Monmouth and Ocean counties and shall set  
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36 Shore University Medical Center.

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8 pediatric services which are located in the counties listed in subsection  
9 a. of this section.

10 The written agreement shall state that the other facility recognizes  
11 Cooper University Hospital[/University Medical Center] as the State's  
12 specialty acute care children's hospital for the counties listed in  
13 subsection a. of this section and shall set forth the basis on which the  
14 other facility shall make referrals to Cooper University  
15 Hospital[/University Medical Center].

16 (cf: P.L.1992, c.181, s.3)

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18 4. Section 1 of P.L.1992, c.181 (C.26:2H-18d) is amended to read  
19 as follows:

20 1. a. The Commissioner of Health and Senior Services, subject to  
21 the provisions of subsection b. of this section, shall designate Robert  
22 Wood Johnson University Hospital/St. Peter's [Medical Center]  
23 University Hospital in the City of New Brunswick as the State's  
24 specialty acute care children's hospital in central New Jersey for the  
25 counties of Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex[, Monmouth] and  
26 Somerset.

27 b. The designation by the Commissioner of Health and Senior  
28 Services pursuant to subsection a. of this section shall be made  
29 subsequent to, and shall be contingent upon, the execution of a written  
30 agreement between Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital/St.  
31 Peter's [Medical Center] University Hospital and a majority of the  
32 acute care hospitals providing inpatient pediatric services which are  
33 located in the counties listed in subsection a. of this section.

34 The written agreement shall state that the other facility recognizes  
35 Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital/St. Peter's [Medical  
36 Center] University Hospital as the State's specialty acute care  
37 children's hospital for the counties listed in subsection a. of this section  
38 and shall set forth the basis on which the other facility shall make  
39 referrals to Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital/St. Peter's  
40 [Medical Center] University Hospital.

41 (cf: P.L.1992, c.181, s.1)

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43 5. This act shall take effect immediately.



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This bill designates Jersey Shore University Medical Center in Neptune as the State's specialty acute care children's hospital for Monmouth and Ocean counties. In order to allow for this designation, the bill amends N.J.S.A.26:2H-18c to exclude Ocean County from the counties for which Cooper University Hospital is designated as the State's specialty acute care children's hospital, and N.J.S.A.26:2H-18d to exclude Monmouth County from the counties for which Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital/St. Peter's University Hospital is designated as the State's specialty acute care children's hospital. This bill would add Jersey Shore University Medical Center to the list of hospitals that have been designated by statute as specialty acute care children's hospitals in the State. These hospitals include:

- Children's Hospital of New Jersey at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center for northern New Jersey (N.J.S.A.26:2H-18a);
- Cooper University Hospital for the southern New Jersey counties of Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem (N.J.S.A.26:2H-18c);
- Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital/St. Peter's University Hospital in New Brunswick for the central New Jersey counties of Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex and Somerset (N.J.S.A.26:2H-18d);
- St. Joseph's Children's Hospital in Paterson for the counties of Bergen, Passaic, Sussex and Warren (N.J.S.A.26:2H-18e); and
- Morristown Memorial Hospital for Morris and Union counties (N.J.S.A.26:2H-18f).

In addition, Hackensack University Medical Center and Jersey City Medical Center qualified for designation as children's hospitals pursuant to P.L.1999, c.394.

This bill includes technical amendments to update names of certain hospitals and the Department of Health and Senior Services.

# ASSEMBLY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### **ASSEMBLY, No. 2884**

with committee amendments

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: FEBRUARY 28, 2005

The Assembly Health and Human Services Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2884 with committee amendments.

As amended by the committee, this bill provides for the designation of Jersey Shore University Medical Center in Neptune and Monmouth Medical Center in Long Branch as the State's specialty acute care children's hospitals for Monmouth and Ocean counties.

This designation is subject to the determination, by the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services, that each hospital meets all of the licensure criteria that apply to a children's hospital and has met and complied with all of the appropriate certificate of need and licensure requirements to obtain State authorization to offer the component services that constitute a children's hospital. The commissioner's determination and the designation pursuant thereto is to be made separately for each hospital; and the commissioner's decision on the designation of each hospital is to be made independently of, and is not contingent upon, the decision on the designation of the other hospital.

In order to allow for this designation, the bill amends (effective upon the commissioner's designation of Jersey Shore University Medical Center or Monmouth Medical Center as the State's specialty acute care children's hospital for Monmouth and Ocean counties):

-- N.J.S.A.26:2H-18c to exclude Ocean County from the counties for which Cooper University Hospital is designated as the State's specialty acute care children's hospital; and

-- N.J.S.A.26:2H-18d to exclude Monmouth County from the counties for which Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital/St. Peter's University Hospital is designated as the State's specialty acute care children's hospital.

The bill provides for the addition of Jersey Shore University Medical Center and Monmouth Medical Center to the list of designated specialty acute care children's hospitals in the State, subject to the commissioner's determination. These hospitals include:

\* Children's Hospital of New Jersey at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center for northern New Jersey (N.J.S.A.26:2H-18a);

\* Cooper University Hospital for the southern New Jersey

counties of Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem (N.J.S.A.26:2H-18c);

\* Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital/St. Peter's University Hospital in New Brunswick for the central New Jersey counties of Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex and Somerset (N.J.S.A.26:2H-18d);

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In addition, Hackensack University Medical Center and Jersey City Medical Center have qualified for designation as children's hospitals pursuant to P.L.1999, c.394.

The bill includes technical amendments to update the names of certain hospitals and the Department of Health and Senior Services.

#### COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amendments to the bill permit Monmouth Medical Center to be designated (along with Jersey Shore University Medical Center) as the specialty acute care children's hospital for Monmouth and Ocean counties, subject to the determination of the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services that it meets all of the licensure criteria that apply to a children's hospital and has met and complied with all of the appropriate certificate of need and licensure requirements to obtain State authorization to offer the component services that constitute a children's hospital.

SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR  
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

**ASSEMBLY, No. 2884**

with committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MAY 5, 2005

The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 2884 (1R).

As amended, this bill provides for the designation of Jersey Shore University Medical Center in Neptune and Monmouth Medical Center in Long Branch as the State's specialty acute care children's hospitals for Monmouth and Ocean counties.

This designation is subject to the determination by the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services that each hospital meets the licensure criteria that apply to a children's hospital and complies with the requirements to obtain State authorization to offer the component services that constitute a children's hospital. The commissioner's designation of each hospital is independent of his designation of the other hospital.

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- Ⓒ N.J.S.A.26:2H-18c to exclude Ocean County from the counties for which Cooper University Hospital is designated as the State's specialty acute care children's hospital in southern New Jersey; and
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The bill includes technical amendments to update the names of certain hospitals and the Department of Health and Senior Services.

The committee amended the bill to delete language referring to "the appropriate certificate of need and licensure requirements" and to require instead that the hospital comply with "the requirements" to obtain State authorization to offer the component services that constitute a children's hospital.

As amended, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 1609 (Sca) (Karcher/Palaia), which the committee also reported favorably on this date.

**SENATE, No. 1609**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**211th LEGISLATURE**

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INTRODUCED MAY 17, 2004

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator ELLEN KARCHER**

**District 12 (Mercer and Monmouth)**

**Senator JOSEPH A. PALAIA**

**District 11 (Monmouth)**

**SYNOPSIS**

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**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/8/2004)**

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17 Senior Services designate Jersey Shore University Medical Center as  
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40 [Medical Center] University Hospital.

41 (cf: P.L.1992, c.181, s.1)

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43 5. This act shall take effect immediately.



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- Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital/St. Peter's University Hospital in New Brunswick for the central New Jersey counties of Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex and Somerset (N.J.S.A.26:2H-18d);
- St. Joseph's Children's Hospital in Paterson for the counties of Bergen, Passaic, Sussex and Warren (N.J.S.A.26:2H-18e); and
- Morristown Memorial Hospital for Morris and Union counties (N.J.S.A.26:2H-18f).

In addition, Hackensack University Medical Center and Jersey City Medical Center qualified for designation as children's hospitals pursuant to P.L.1999, c.394.

This bill includes technical amendments to update names of certain hospitals and the Department of Health and Senior Services.

SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR  
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 1609**

with committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MAY 5, 2005

The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 1609.

As amended by the committee, this bill provides for the designation of Jersey Shore University Medical Center in Neptune and Monmouth Medical Center in Long Branch as the State's specialty acute care children's hospitals for Monmouth and Ocean counties.

This designation is subject to the determination by the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services that each hospital meets the licensure criteria that apply to a children's hospital and complies with the requirements to obtain State authorization to offer the component services that constitute a children's hospital. The commissioner's designation of each hospital is independent of his designation of the other hospital.

In order to allow for this designation, the bill amends (effective upon the commissioner's designation of Jersey Shore University Medical Center or Monmouth Medical Center as the State's specialty acute care children's hospital for Monmouth and Ocean counties):

- C N.J.S.A.26:2H-18c to exclude Ocean County from the counties for which Cooper University Hospital is designated as the State's specialty acute care children's hospital in southern New Jersey; and
- C N.J.S.A.26:2H-18d to exclude Monmouth County from the counties for which Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital/St. Peter's University Hospital is designated as the State's specialty acute care children's hospital for central New Jersey.

The bill provides for the addition of Jersey Shore University Medical Center and Monmouth Medical Center to the list of designated specialty acute care children's hospitals in the State, subject to the commissioner's determination. This list includes:

- C Children's Hospital of New Jersey at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center for northern New Jersey (N.J.S.A.26:2H-18a);
- C Cooper University Hospital for the southern New Jersey counties of Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland,

Gloucester and Salem (N.J.S.A.26:2H-18c);

- C Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital/St. Peter's University Hospital in New Brunswick for the central New Jersey counties of Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex and Somerset (N.J.S.A.26:2H-18d);
- C St. Joseph's Children's Hospital in Paterson for the counties of Bergen, Passaic, Sussex and Warren (N.J.S.A.26:2H-18e); and
- C Morristown Memorial Hospital for Morris and Union counties (N.J.S.A.26:2H-18f).

In addition, Hackensack University Medical Center and Jersey City Medical Center have qualified for designation as children's hospitals pursuant to P.L.1999, c.394.

The bill includes technical amendments to update the names of certain hospitals and the Department of Health and Senior Services.

The committee amendments permit Monmouth Medical Center to be designated (along with Jersey Shore University Medical Center) as the specialty acute care children's hospital for Monmouth and Ocean counties.

As amended by the committee, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 2884 (1R)(Sca) (Panter), which the committee also reported favorably on this date.