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(Requires nursing homes and assisted living residences to provide informational sheet

concerning Medicaid eligibility to certain residents)

**BILL NO:** 

S221

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SPONSOR(S): Singer and others

DATE INTRODUCED: January 8, 2008

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ASSEMBLY:

Health and Senior Services

SENATE:

Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens

**AMENDED DURING PASSAGE:** 

Yes

**DATE OF PASSAGE:** 

ASSEMBLY:

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SENATE:

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FINAL TEXT OF BILL (Second reprint enacted)

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SPONSOR'S STATEMENT: (Begins on page 3 of original bill)

Yes

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:** 

ASSEMBLY:

Yes

SENATE:

Yes

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FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT:

No

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:** 

No

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SPONSOR'S STATEMENT: (Begins on page 3 of original bill)

Yes

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:** 

ASSEMBLY:

SENATE:

Yes

No

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT:

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# [Second Reprint] SENATE, No. 221

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY 213th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2008 SESSION

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### **SYNOPSIS**

Requires nursing homes and assisted living residences to provide informational sheet concerning Medicaid eligibility to certain residents.

### **CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As amended on February 23, 2009 by the Senate pursuant to the Governor's recommendations.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 5/22/2009)

1 AN ACT concerning certain health care facilities and supplementing 2 Title 26 of the Revised Statutes.

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

1. a. For the purposes of this act:

<sup>2</sup>"Assisted living facility" means an assisted living residence or comprehensive personal care home licensed pursuant to P.L.1971, c.136 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.);<sup>2</sup>

"Medicaid" means the program established pursuant to P.L.1968, c.413 (C.30:4D-1 et seq.);

<sup>2</sup>["Medicaid bed" means a bed which is reserved for a Medicaideligible resident at a nursing home or assisted living residence;]<sup>2</sup> and

"Medicaid-eligible" means that a person is determined to meet the financial <sup>2</sup> and clinical<sup>2</sup> eligibility standards <sup>2</sup> [for medical assistance for long-term care under the State Medicaid program or is] and has been<sup>2</sup> approved by the Department of Health and Senior Services for participation in a federally approved 1915(c) Medicaid waiver program that provides assisted living services.

<sup>2</sup>[b. A nursing home licensed pursuant to P.L.1971, c.136 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.) shall provide to a prospective private pay resident, the financially responsible party for the prospective resident, or the prospective resident's legal guardian, as appropriate, a written informational sheet, prepared and updated by the Department of Health and Senior Services and the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services in the Department of Human Services pursuant to section 2 of this act, that explains eligibility for long-term care under the Medicaid program.

c.]b.² An assisted living ²[residence]facility² licensed pursuant to P.L.1971, c.136 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.) shall provide to a prospective private pay resident, the financially responsible party for the prospective resident, or the prospective resident's legal guardian, as appropriate, a written informational sheet, prepared and updated by the Department of Health and Senior Services and the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services in the Department of Human Services pursuant to section 2 of this act, that explains eligibility for participation in a federally approved 1915(c) Medicaid waiver program that provides assisted living services.

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

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numeral

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup>Senate SHH committee amendments adopted February 14, 2008.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Senate amendments adopted in accordance with Governor's recommendations February 23, 2009.

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<sup>2</sup>[d.]c.<sup>2</sup> The written informational sheet provided to the prospective private pay resident, financially responsible party, or legal guardian, pursuant to <sup>2</sup>[subsections]subsection<sup>2</sup> b. <sup>2</sup>[or c.]<sup>2</sup> of this section, shall be accompanied by a written statement, signed by an authorized representative of the <sup>2</sup>[nursing home or]<sup>2</sup> assisted living <sup>2</sup>[residence, as appropriate,]facility<sup>2</sup> stating that:

- (1) The <sup>2</sup>[nursing home or]<sup>2</sup> assisted living <sup>2</sup>[residence, as appropriate,] facility<sup>2</sup> is unable to guarantee the availability of a <sup>2</sup>[Medicaid]<sup>2</sup> bed <sup>2</sup>for use by a Medicaid-eligible resident, pursuant to P.L.2001, c.234 (C.26:2H-12.16 et seq.)<sup>2</sup> at the <sup>2</sup>[nursing home or]<sup>2</sup> assisted living <sup>2</sup>[residence] facility<sup>2</sup> at the time that the resident becomes Medicaid-eligible; and
- (2) If there is no <sup>2</sup>[Medicaid]<sup>2</sup> bed <sup>2</sup>for use by a Medicaid-eligible resident, pursuant to P.L.2001, c.234 (C.26:2H-12.16 et seq.)<sup>2</sup> available at the time the resident becomes Medicaid-eligible, <sup>2</sup>[the resident will need to transfer to another] the assisted living facility has the option to transfer the resident to a<sup>2</sup> nursing home or <sup>2</sup>another<sup>2</sup> assisted living <sup>2</sup>[residence] facility<sup>2</sup>, as appropriate.
- <sup>2</sup>[e.]d.<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>[Six months prior to the date that the private pay resident is likely to become Medicaid-eligible, an authorized representative of the nursing home or assisted living residence, as appropriate, shall inform the resident, financially responsible party, or legal guardian, as appropriate, in writing, of the position of the resident's placement on any list of residents awaiting a Medicaid bed at the nursing home or assisted living residence. I If a private pay resident of <sup>2</sup>[a nursing home or]an<sup>2</sup> assisted living <sup>2</sup>[residence] facility<sup>2</sup>, or the resident's financially responsible party, or legal guardian, as appropriate, provides written notice to the <sup>2</sup>[nursing home or]<sup>2</sup> assisted living <sup>2</sup>[residence]facility<sup>2</sup> that the resident is likely to become Medicaid-eligible within the next six months, the <sup>2</sup>[nursing home or]<sup>2</sup> assisted living <sup>2</sup>[residence] facility<sup>2</sup>, upon receipt of such notice, shall inform the resident, financially responsible party, or legal guardian, as appropriate, in writing, of the position at the time of the notice of the resident's placement on any list of residents awaiting a <sup>2</sup>[Medicaid]<sup>2</sup> bed <sup>2</sup>for use by a Medicaid-eligible resident, pursuant to P.L.2001, c.234 (C.26:2H-12.16 et seq.)<sup>2</sup>.

2. The Department of Health and Senior Services, in consultation with the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services in the Department of Human Services, shall prepare a written informational sheet for <sup>2</sup>[nursing homes that explains eligibility for long-term care services under the State Medicaid Program, and a written informational sheet for ]<sup>2</sup> assisted living <sup>2</sup>[residences] facilities<sup>2</sup> that explains eligibility for participation in

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a federally approved 1915(c) Medicaid waiver program that provides assisted living services. The informational sheets shall be available on the website of the Department of Health and Senior Services and shall be updated by the Department of Health and Senior Services as necessary to reflect a change in eligibility for the programs.

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3. The Department of Health and Senior Services shall distribute the applicable informational sheets, prepared and updated pursuant to section 2 of this act, to all licensed <sup>2</sup>[nursing homes and]<sup>2</sup> assisted living <sup>2</sup>[residences] facilities<sup>2</sup> in the State.

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4. This act shall take effect on the 90th day after enactment.

- (2) If there is no Medicaid bed available at the time the resident becomes Medicaid-eligible, the resident will need to transfer to another nursing home or assisted living residence, as appropriate.
- e. Six months prior to the date that the private pay resident is likely to become Medicaid-eligible, an authorized representative of the nursing home or assisted living residence, as appropriate, shall inform the resident, financially responsible party or legal guardian, as appropriate, in writing, of the position of the resident's placement on any list of residents awaiting a Medicaid bed at the nursing home or assisted living residence.

2. The Department of Health and Senior Services, in consultation with the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services in the Department of Human Services, shall prepare a written informational sheet for nursing homes that explains eligibility for long-term care services under the State Medicaid Program, and a written informational sheet for assisted living residences that explains eligibility for participation in a federally approved 1915(c) Medicaid waiver program that provides assisted living services. The informational sheets shall be available on the website of the Department of Health and Senior Services and shall be updated by the Department of Health and Senior Services as necessary to reflect a change in eligibility for the programs.

3. The Department of Health and Senior Services shall distribute the applicable informational sheets, prepared and updated pursuant to section 2 of this act, to all licensed nursing homes and assisted living residences in the State.

4. This act shall take effect on the 90th day after enactment.

### SPONSOR'S STATEMENT

This bill requires a nursing home and assisted living residence to provide to a prospective private pay resident, the financially responsible party for the prospective resident or the prospective resident's legal guardian, as appropriate, a written informational sheet that explains eligibility for long-term care under the Medicaid program or eligibility for participation in a federally approved 1915(c) Medicaid waiver program that provides assisted living services, as appropriate.

Under the provisions of the bill, the written informational sheet must be accompanied by a written statement, signed by an authorized representative of the nursing home or assisted living residence, as appropriate, stating that: - The nursing home or assisted living residence, as appropriate, is unable to guarantee the availability of a Medicaid bed at the nursing home or assisted living residence at the time that the resident becomes Medicaid-eligible; and

- If there is no Medicaid bed available at the time the resident becomes Medicaid-eligible, the resident will need to transfer to another nursing home or assisted living residence, as appropriate.

The bill also requires that six months prior to the date that the private pay resident is likely to become Medicaid-eligible, an authorized representative of the nursing home or assisted living residence, as appropriate, must inform the resident, financially responsible party or legal guardian, as appropriate, in writing, of the position of the resident's placement on any list of residents awaiting a Medicaid bed at the nursing home or assisted living residence.

The bill also requires the Department of Health and Senior Services, in consultation with the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services in the Department of Human Services, to prepare and update a written informational sheet for nursing homes that explains eligibility for long-term care services under the State Medicaid Program and a written informational sheet for assisted living residences that explains eligibility for participation in a federally approved 1915(c) Medicaid waiver program that provides assisted living services. The informational sheets would be available on the website of the Department of Health and Senior Services.

Lastly, the bill requires the Department of Health and Senior Services to distribute the applicable informational sheets to all licensed nursing homes and assisted living residences in the State.

### ASSEMBLY HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE

### STATEMENT TO

# [First Reprint] **SENATE, No. 221**

### STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 8, 2008

The Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 221 (1R).

This bill requires certain health care facilities to provide information to prospective private pay residents, or other designated individuals on their behalf, about eligibility for certain publicly funded long-term care services.

The bill provides specifically as follows:

- A nursing home and an assisted living residence must provide to a
  prospective private pay resident, the financially responsible party for
  the prospective resident, or the prospective resident's legal guardian,
  as appropriate, a written informational sheet that explains eligibility
  for long-term care under the Medicaid program or eligibility for
  participation in a federally approved 1915(c) Medicaid waiver
  program that provides assisted living services, as appropriate.
- The written informational sheet must be accompanied by a written statement, signed by an authorized representative of the nursing home or assisted living residence, as appropriate, stating that:
- -- The nursing home or assisted living residence, as appropriate, is unable to guarantee the availability of a Medicaid bed at the nursing home or assisted living residence at the time that the resident becomes Medicaid-eligible; and
- -- If there is no Medicaid bed available at the time the resident becomes Medicaid-eligible, the resident will need to transfer to another nursing home or assisted living residence, as appropriate.
- If a private pay resident of a nursing home or assisted living residence, or the resident's financially responsible party, or legal guardian, as appropriate, provides written notice to the nursing home or assisted living residence that the resident is likely to become Medicaid-eligible within the next six months, the nursing home or assisted living residence, upon receipt of such notice, must inform the resident, financially responsible party, or legal guardian, as appropriate, in writing, of the position at the time of the notice of the resident's placement on any list of residents awaiting a Medicaid bed.

- The Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), in consultation with the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services in the Department of Human Services, is to prepare and update a written informational sheet for nursing homes that explains eligibility for long-term care services under the State Medicaid Program and a written informational sheet for assisted living residences that explains eligibility for participation in a federally approved 1915(c) Medicaid waiver program that provides assisted living services. The informational sheets are to be available on the DHSS website.
- DHSS is to distribute the applicable informational sheets to all licensed nursing homes and assisted living residences in the State.

This bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 2334 (Angelini/Dancer), which the committee also reported on this date.

## SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE

### STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 221

with committee amendments

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 14, 2008

The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee reports favorably and with amendments Senate Bill No. 221.

As amended by committee, this bill requires a nursing home and assisted living residence to provide to a prospective private pay resident, the financially responsible party for the prospective resident, or the prospective resident's legal guardian, as appropriate, a written informational sheet that explains eligibility for long-term care under the Medicaid program or eligibility for participation in a federally approved 1915(c) Medicaid waiver program that provides assisted living services, as appropriate.

Under the provisions of the bill, the written informational sheet must be accompanied by a written statement, signed by an authorized representative of the nursing home or assisted living residence, as appropriate, stating that:

- The nursing home or assisted living residence, as appropriate, is unable to guarantee the availability of a Medicaid bed at the nursing home or assisted living residence at the time that the resident becomes Medicaid-eligible; and
- If there is no Medicaid bed available at the time the resident becomes Medicaid-eligible, the resident will need to transfer to another nursing home or assisted living residence, as appropriate.

The bill also requires if a private pay resident of a nursing home or assisted living residence, or the resident's financially responsible party, or legal guardian, as appropriate, provides written notice to the nursing home or assisted living residence that the resident is likely to become Medicaid-eligible within the next six months, the nursing home or assisted living residence, upon receipt of such notice, shall inform the resident, financially responsible party, or legal guardian, as appropriate, in writing, of the position at the time of the notice of the resident's placement on any list of residents awaiting a Medicaid bed.

The bill also requires the Department of Health and Senior Services, in consultation with the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services in the Department of Human Services, to prepare and update a written informational sheet for nursing homes that explains eligibility for long-term care services under the State Medicaid Program and a written informational sheet for assisted living residences that explains eligibility for participation in a federally approved 1915(c) Medicaid waiver program that provides assisted living services. The informational sheets would be available on the website of the Department of Health and Senior Services.

Lastly, the bill requires the Department of Health and Senior Services to distribute the applicable informational sheets to all licensed nursing homes and assisted living residences in the State.

The committee amended the bill to clarify the respective responsibilities of a resident of a nursing home or assisted living facility, and those facilities, when a resident is likely to become Medicaid-eligible. The amendments provide that if a private pay resident of a nursing home or assisted living residence, or the resident's financially responsible party, or legal guardian, as appropriate, provides written notice to the nursing home or assisted living residence that the resident is likely to become Medicaid-eligible within the next six months, the nursing home or assisted living residence, upon receipt of such notice, shall inform the resident, financially responsible party or legal guardian, as appropriate, in writing, of the position at the time of the notice of the resident's placement on any list of residents awaiting a Medicaid bed.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2008-2009 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

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- (2) If there is no Medicaid bed available at the time the resident becomes Medicaid-eligible, the resident will need to transfer to another nursing home or assisted living residence, as appropriate.
- e. If a private pay resident of a nursing home or assisted living residence, or the resident's financially responsible party, or legal guardian, as appropriate, provides written notice to the nursing home or assisted living residence that the resident is likely to become Medicaid-eligible within the next six months, the nursing home or assisted living residence, upon receipt of such notice, shall inform the resident, financially responsible party, or legal guardian, as appropriate, in writing, of the position at the time of the notice of the resident's placement on any list of residents awaiting a Medicaid bed.

2. The Department of Health and Senior Services, in consultation with the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services in the Department of Human Services, shall prepare a written informational sheet for nursing homes that explains eligibility for long-term care services under the State Medicaid Program, and a written informational sheet for assisted living residences that explains eligibility for participation in a federally approved 1915(c) Medicaid waiver program that provides assisted living services. The informational sheets shall be available on the website of the Department of Health and Senior Services and shall be updated by the Department of Health and Senior Services as necessary to reflect a change in eligibility for the programs.

3. The Department of Health and Senior Services shall distribute the applicable informational sheets, prepared and updated pursuant to section 2 of this act, to all licensed nursing homes and assisted living residences in the State.

4. This act shall take effect on the 90th day after enactment.

### SPUNS OR'S STATEMENT

This bill requires a nursing home and assisted living residence to provide to a prospective private pay resident, the financially responsible party for the prospective resident, or the prospective resident's legal guardian, as appropriate, a written informational sheet that explains eligibility for long-term care under the Medicaid program or eligibility for participation in a federally approved 1915(c) Medicaid waiver program that provides assisted living services, as appropriate.

Under the provisions of the bill, the written informational sheet must be accompanied by a written statement, signed by an

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authorized representative of the nursing home or assisted living residence, as appropriate, stating that:

- The nursing home or assisted living residence, as appropriate, is unable to guarantee the availability of a Medicaid bed at the nursing home or assisted living residence at the time that the resident becomes Medicaid-eligible; and
- If there is no Medicaid bed available at the time the resident becomes Medicaid-eligible, the resident will need to transfer to another nursing home or assisted living residence, as appropriate.

The bill also requires if a private pay resident of a nursing home or assisted living residence, or the resident's financially responsible party, or legal guardian, as appropriate, provides written notice to the nursing home or assisted living residence that the resident is likely to become Medicaid-eligible within the next six months, the nursing home or assisted living residence, upon receipt of such notice, shall inform the resident, financially responsible party, or legal guardian, as appropriate, in writing, of the position at the time of the notice of the resident's placement on any list of residents awaiting a Medicaid bed.

The bill also requires the Department of Health and Senior Services, in consultation with the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services in the Department of Human Services, to prepare and update a written informational sheet for nursing homes that explains eligibility for long-term care services under the State Medicaid Program and a written informational sheet for assisted living residences that explains eligibility for participation in a federally approved 1915(c) Medicaid waiver program that provides assisted living services. The informational sheets would be available on the website of the Department of Health and Senior Services.

Lastly, the bill requires the Department of Health and Senior Services to distribute the applicable informational sheets to all licensed nursing homes and assisted living residences in the State.

### ASSEMBLY HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE

### STATEMENT TO

### ASSEMBLY, No. 2334

### STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 8, 2008

The Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2334.

This bill requires certain health care facilities to provide information to prospective private pay residents, or other designated individuals on their behalf, about eligibility for certain publicly funded long-term care services.

The bill provides specifically as follows:

- A nursing home and an assisted living residence must provide to a prospective private pay resident, the financially responsible party for the prospective resident, or the prospective resident's legal guardian, as appropriate, a written informational sheet that explains eligibility for long-term care under the Medicaid program or eligibility for participation in a federally approved 1915(c) Medicaid waiver program that provides assisted living services, as appropriate.
- The written informational sheet must be accompanied by a written statement, signed by an authorized representative of the nursing home or assisted living residence, as appropriate, stating that:
- -- The nursing home or assisted living residence, as appropriate, is unable to guarantee the availability of a Medicaid bed at the nursing home or assisted living residence at the time that the resident becomes Medicaid-eligible; and
- -- If there is no Medicaid bed available at the time the resident becomes Medicaid-eligible, the resident will need to transfer to another nursing home or assisted living residence, as appropriate.
- If a private pay resident of a nursing home or assisted living residence, or the resident's financially responsible party, or legal guardian, as appropriate, provides written notice to the nursing home or assisted living residence that the resident is likely to become Medicaid-eligible within the next six months, the nursing home or assisted living residence, upon receipt of such notice, must inform the resident, financially responsible party, or legal guardian, as appropriate, in writing, of the position at the time of the notice of the resident's placement on any list of residents awaiting a Medicaid bed.
- The Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), in consultation with the Division of Medical Assistance and Health

Services in the Department of Human Services, is to prepare and update a written informational sheet for nursing homes that explains eligibility for long-term care services under the State Medicaid Program and a written informational sheet for assisted living residences that explains eligibility for participation in a federally approved 1915(c) Medicaid waiver program that provides assisted living services. The informational sheets are to be available on the DHSS website.

• DHSS is to distribute the applicable informational sheets to all licensed nursing homes and assisted living residences in the State.

This bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 221 (1R) (Singer/Redd), which the committee also reported on this date.

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#### Governor Corzine Takes Action on Legislation

TRENTON - Governor Jon S. Corzine today took action on the following legislation:

S-1304/A-3276 (Girgenti, Turner/Vainieri Huttle, Johnson, Coutinho, Ramos) - Upgrades unlawful possession of a machine gun or assault firearm to a crime of the second degree

S-221/A-2334 (Singer, Redd/Angelini, Dancer, Munoz) - CONDITIONAL VETO - Requires nursing homes and assisted living residences to provide informational sheet concerning Medicaid eligibility to certain residents

The Governor issued the following conditional veto message on Senate Bill No. 221 (First Reprint):

To the Senate:

Pursuant to Article V, Section I, Paragraph 14 of the New Jersey Constitution, I am returning Senate Bill No. 221 (First Reprint) with my recommendations for reconsideration.

This bill would require nursing homes and assisted living residences to provide its private pay residents with an informational sheet concerning Medicaid eligibility. The bill also would require an authorized representative of these facilities to issue a written statement informing the resident that should a private pay resident become eligible for Medicaid, the facility could not guarantee the availability of a Medicaid bed and that, if a Medicaid bed is not available at the time a resident reaches eligibility, the resident will need to be transferred to another nursing home or assisted living residence, as appropriate.

I commend the sponsors of this bill for addressing a serious issue facing private pay residents of long-term care facilities who can be removed from their place of living without prior notice upon reaching Medicaid eligibility. The sponsors' sincere efforts to provide consumer protections and improve the health care literacy of these residents are laudable. I believe it is important, however, to propose some technical amendments to ensure that this bill is consistent with the federal Social Security Act, that it applies to other similarly-situated individuals, and that the measure cannot be misconstrued as requiring facilities to transfer or discharge private pay residents upon reaching Medicaid eligibility.

Accordingly, I herewith return Senate Bill No. 221 (First Reprint) and recommend that it be amended as follows:

Page 2, Section 1, Line 8: Before "Medicaid" insert "'Assisted living facility' means an assisted living residence or comprehensive personal care home licensed pursuant to P.L. 1971, c.136 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.)."

Page 2, Section 1, Lines 10-11: Delete "'Medicaid bed' means a bed which is reserved for a Medicaid-eligible resident at a nursing home or assisted living residence:"

Page 2, Section 1, Line 13: After "financial" insert "and clinical"

Page 2, Section 1, Lines 13-14: After "standards" delete "for medical assistance for long-term care under the State Medicald program or is" and insert "and has been"

Page 2, Section 1, Lines 18-26: Delete in its entirety

Page 2, Section 1, Line 27: Delete "c." and insert "b."

Page 2, Section 1, Line 27: After "living" delete "residence" and insert "facility"

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Page 2, Section 1, Line 37: Defete "d." and insert "c."
Page 2, Section 1, Line 41: Delete "nursing home or"
Page 2, Section 1, Line 41: After "living" delete "residence" and insert "facility"
Page 2, Section 1, Line 43: After "The" delete "nursing home or"
Page 2, Section 1, Line 43: After "living" delete "residence, as appropriate," and insert "facility"
Page 2, Section 1, Line 44: After "a" delete "Medicaid"
Page 2, Section 1, Line 44: After "bed" insert "for use by a Medicaid-eligible resident, pursuant to P.L. 2001, c.234 (C.26:2H-12.16 et seq.)
Page 3, Section 1, Line 1: Delete "nursing home or"
Page 3, Section 1, Line 1: After "living" delete "residence" and insert "facility"
Page 3, Section 1, Line 3: After "no" delete "Medicaid"
Page 3, Section 1, Line 3: After "bed" insert "for use by a Medicaid-eligible resident, pursuant to P.L. 2001, c.234 (C.26:2H-12.16 et seq.)"
Page 3, Section 1, Lines 4-5: After "eligible," delete "the resident will need to transfer to another" and insert "the assisted living facility has the option to
transfer the resident to a"
Page 3, Section 1, Line 5: After "or" insert "another"
Page 3, Section 1, Line 5: After "living" delete "residence" and insert "facility"
Page 3, Section 1, Lines 12-13: After "of" delete "a nursing home or" and insert "an"
Page 3, Section 1, Line 13: After "living" delete "residence" and insert "facility"
Page 3, Section 1, Line 15: After "to the" delete "nursing home or"
Page 3, Section 1, Line 15: After "living" delete "residence" and insert "facility"
Page 3, Section 1, Line 17: After "the" delete "nursing home or"
Page 3, Section 1, Line 17: After "living" delete "residence" and insert "facility"
Page 3, Section 1, Line 21: After "a" delete "Medicaid"
Page 3, Section 1, Line 21: After "bed" insert "for use by a Medicaid-eligible resident, pursuant to P.L.2001, c.234 (C.26:2H-12.16 et seq.)"
Page 3, Section 2, Lines 26-28: After "for" delete "nursing homes that explains eligibility for long-term care services under the State Medicaid Program,
and a written informational sheet for
Page 3, Section 2, Line 29: Delete "residences" and insert "facilities"
Page 3, Section 3, Line 38: After "licensed" delete "nursing homes and"
Page 3, Section 3, Line 39: After "living" delete "residences" and insert "facilities"
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