

# 26:2S-7.1

## LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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**NJSA:** 26:2S-7.1      (Requires standard physician application for certain carriers)  
**BILL NO:** S658          (Substituted for A2456)

**SPONSOR(S):** Singer and Bucco

**DATE INTRODUCED:** January 24, 2000

**COMMITTEE:**            **ASSEMBLY:** Health

**SENATE:** Health

**AMENDED DURING PASSAGE:** Yes

**DATE OF PASSAGE:**            **ASSEMBLY:** March 26, 2001

**SENATE:** March 29, 2001

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### FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

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**S658**

**SPONSORS STATEMENT:** (Begins on page 2 of original bill)            Yes

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:**                                    **ASSEMBLY:**            Yes

**SENATE:**            Yes

**FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENTS:**                                    No

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:**                                    No

**A2456**

**SPONSORS STATEMENT:** (Begins on page 2 of original bill)            Yes

Bill and Sponsors Statement identical to S658

<b>COMMITTEE STATEMENT:</b>	<b>ASSEMBLY:</b>	Yes
	<b>SENATE:</b>	No
<b>FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENTS:</b>		No
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**SENATE, No. 658**

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

INTRODUCED JANUARY 24, 2000

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator ROBERT W. SINGER**

**District 30 (Burlington, Monmouth and Ocean)**

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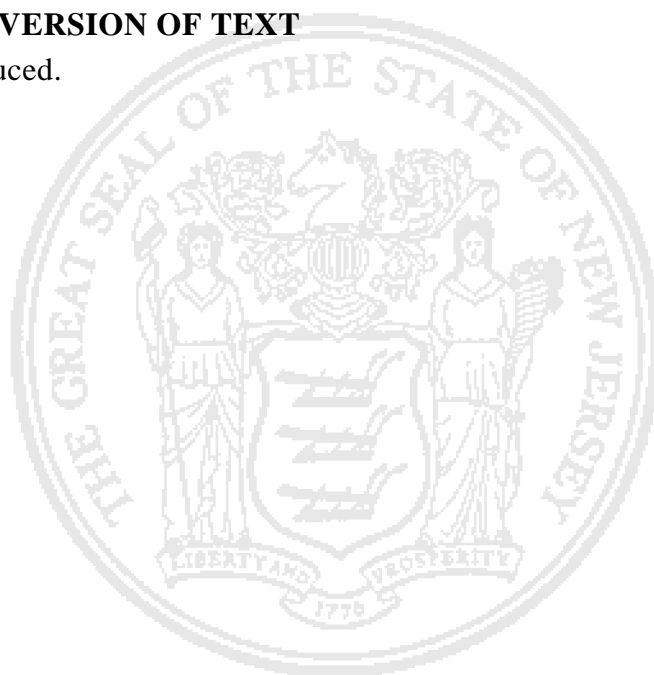
**Senators Bassano, McNamara, Cafiero, Bennett, Bark, Bucco, Robertson,  
Kosco, Palaia, Kavanaugh, Matheussen, Sinagra, Allen, Inverso and  
Martin**

**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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43 plans to use a standard physician application for participation form  
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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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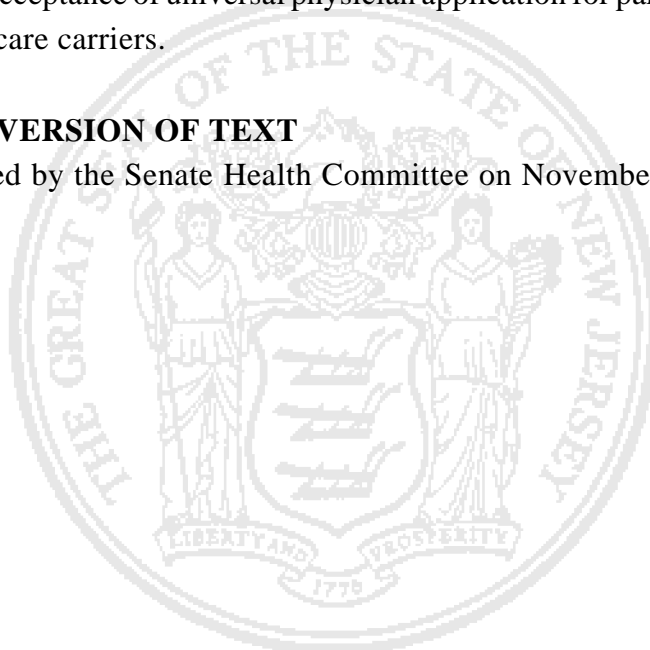
**Senators Bassano, McNamara, Cafiero, Bennett, Bark, Robertson, Kosco,  
Palaia, Kavanaugh, Matheussen, Sinagra, Allen, Inverso and Martin**

**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.).

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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 Services<sup>1</sup>, 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,<sup>1</sup> shall adopt <sup>1</sup>[regulations to  
12 establish a standard] by regulation, a universal<sup>1</sup> 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 <sup>1</sup>[, and for renewal thereof]<sup>1</sup>.

19 <sup>1</sup>The 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.<sup>1</sup>

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

**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:**

<sup>1</sup> Senate SHH committee amendments adopted November 9, 2000.

1       2. Within <sup>1</sup>[90] 180<sup>1</sup> days of the adoption of <sup>1</sup>[regulations] the  
2 forms by regulation<sup>1</sup> pursuant to <sup>1</sup>[section 1 of]<sup>1</sup> this act, a carrier  
3 which offers a managed care plan shall <sup>1</sup>[use the standard] accept the  
4 universal<sup>1</sup> physician application for participation form <sup>1</sup>and renewal  
5 form<sup>1</sup> adopted pursuant to <sup>1</sup>[that section] this act<sup>1</sup> 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 <sup>1</sup>[, and for renewal  
10 thereof]<sup>1</sup>.

11       <sup>1</sup>Nothing 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.<sup>1</sup>

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17       3. The Commissioner of Health and Senior Services shall adopt  
18 regulations <sup>1</sup>within 180 days of the date of enactment of this act<sup>1</sup>,  
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.

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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**

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

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INTRODUCED JANUARY 24, 2000

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**District 30 (Burlington, Monmouth and Ocean)**

**Senator ANTHONY R. BUCCO**

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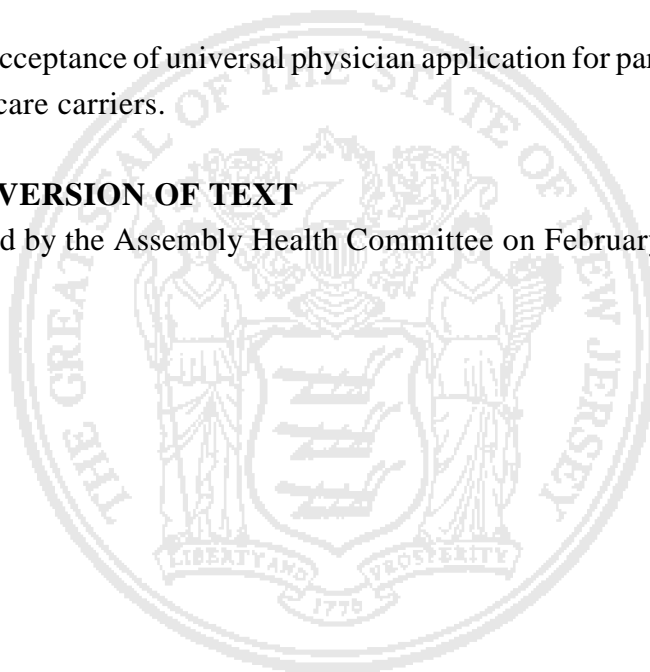
**Senators Bassano, McNamara, Cafiero, Bennett, Bark, Robertson, Kosco, Palaia, Kavanaugh, Matheussen, Sinagra, Allen, Inverso, Martin, Assemblymen Cottrell, Malone, Holzapfel, Moran and Conaway**

**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 Services<sup>1</sup>, in  
8 consultation with the New Jersey Association of Health Plans, the  
9 Health Insurance Association of America, <sup>2</sup>the Medical Society of  
10 New Jersey, <sup>2</sup> the New Jersey Hospital Association and such other  
11 representatives of managed care plans as the commissioner deems  
12 appropriate,<sup>1</sup> shall adopt <sup>1</sup>**[regulations to establish a standard]** by  
13 regulation, a universal<sup>1</sup> 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 <sup>1</sup>**[**, and for renewal  
19 thereof]<sup>1</sup>.

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21 Association of Health Plans, the Health Insurance Association of  
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26 abbreviated version of the universal application form. The renewal  
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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.<sup>1</sup>

32 In developing the <sup>1</sup>**[regulations]** forms<sup>1</sup>, the commissioner shall  
33 consult with the Commissioner of Human Services to ensure that the  
34 credentialing requirements for <sup>1</sup>participation in<sup>1</sup> the Medicaid  
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<sup>2</sup> Assembly AHL committee amendments adopted February 5, 2001.

1 <sup>1</sup>[for participation form] and renewal forms<sup>1</sup>.

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3 2. Within <sup>1</sup>[90] 180<sup>1</sup> days of the adoption of <sup>1</sup>[regulations] the  
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12 thereof]<sup>1</sup>.

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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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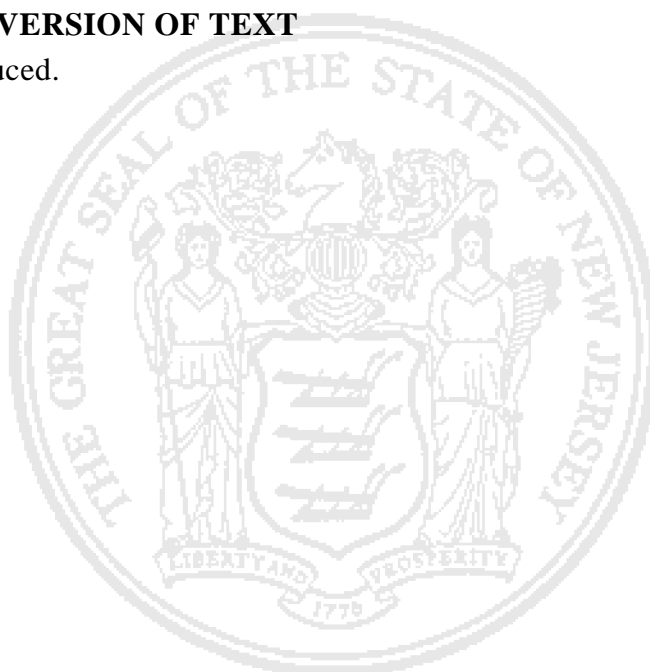
**Assemblymen Holzapfel and Moran**

**SYNOPSIS**

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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.

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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.

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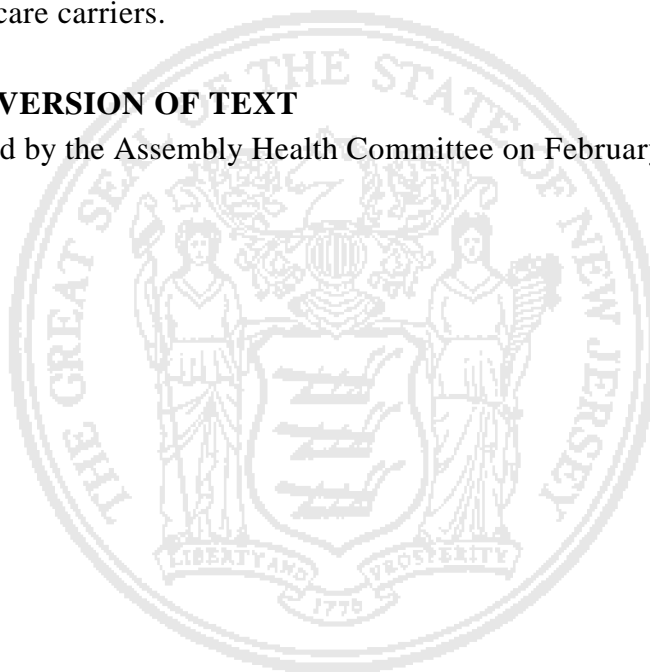
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**SYNOPSIS**

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

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

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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<sup>1</sup>, 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,<sup>1</sup> shall adopt <sup>1</sup>[regulations to establish a standard] by  
13 regulation, a universal<sup>1</sup> 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 <sup>1</sup>[, and for renewal  
19 thereof]<sup>1</sup>.

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22 America, the Medical Society of New Jersey, the New Jersey Hospital  
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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.<sup>1</sup>

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

**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:

<sup>1</sup> Assembly AHL committee amendments adopted February 5, 2001.

1       2. Within <sup>1</sup>[90] 180<sup>1</sup> days of the adoption of <sup>1</sup>[regulations] the  
2 forms by regulation<sup>1</sup> pursuant to <sup>1</sup>[section 1 of]<sup>1</sup> this act, a carrier  
3 which offers a managed care plan shall <sup>1</sup>[use the standard] accept the  
4 universal<sup>1</sup> physician application for participation form <sup>1</sup>and renewal  
5 form<sup>1</sup> adopted pursuant to <sup>1</sup>[that section] this act<sup>1</sup> for the purpose of  
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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 <sup>1</sup>[, and for renewal  
10 thereof]<sup>1</sup>.

11       <sup>1</sup>Nothing 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.<sup>1</sup>

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17       3. The Commissioner of Health and Senior Services shall adopt  
18 regulations <sup>1</sup>within 180 days of the date of enactment of this act<sup>1</sup>,  
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.

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22       4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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<sup>1</sup> Senate SHH committee amendments adopted November 9, 2000.

<sup>2</sup> Assembly AHL committee amendments adopted February 5, 2001.



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2 Program established pursuant to P.L.2000, c.71 (C.30:4J-1 et seq.)<sup>1</sup>  
3 are adequately reflected on the <sup>1</sup>[standard physician]<sup>1</sup> application  
4 <sup>1</sup>[for participation form] and renewal forms<sup>1</sup>.

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6 2. Within <sup>1</sup>[90] 180<sup>1</sup> days of the adoption of <sup>1</sup>[regulations] the  
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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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## 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.

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4. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved May 10, 2001.