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SYNOPSIS

Creates "New Jersey Dialysis Patient Support Person Accommodation Act."

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Health Committee with technical review.



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1 AN ACT concerning patient support person in dialysis centers and
2 supplementing Title 26 of the Revised Statutes.

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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. This act shall be known and may be cited as the “New Jersey
8 Dialysis Patient Support Person Accommodation Act.”

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10 2. a. A dialysis center licensed pursuant to P.L.1971, c.136
11 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.) shall permit a patient receiving dialysis
12 treatment to be accompanied by a designated support person.

13 b. The designated support person may assist the patient with
14 communication, mobility, and decision-making, as necessary to
15 facilitate the patient’s care and treatment.

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17 3. a. A dialysis center may establish and implement reasonable
18 health, safety, and infection control measures governing the
19 presence of support persons, provided that such measures do not
20 unnecessarily restrict or deny access to a support person as
21 permitted under section 2 of this act.

22 b. Each dialysis center shall develop and maintain written
23 policies concerning support person access. The policies shall be:

24 (1) posted in a visible location within the facility; and

25 (2) made available to patients, families, and members of the
26 public upon request.

27 c. All pertinent dialysis center staff shall receive training on the
28 requirements of this act and the facility’s policies concerning
29 support person access.

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31 4. a. The Department of Health shall oversee compliance with
32 the provisions of this act and shall investigate complaints alleging a
33 violation.

34 b. A patient who is denied access to a designated support person
35 may file a complaint with the Department of Health.

36 c. A dialysis center that fails to comply with the provisions of
37 this act shall be subject to penalties, fines, or corrective action
38 orders, as determined by the Department of Health.

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40 5. This act shall take effect immediately.