

ASSEMBLY HEALTH COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3591

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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The Assembly Health Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3591.

This bill requires the NJ FamilyCare program to provide reimbursement for comprehensive medication management (CMM) services when provided by a licensed clinical pharmacist for a medically complex pediatric patient. “CMM services” is defined as a standard of care by which a clinical pharmacist assesses each of a patient’s medications, including prescription and nonprescription medications, vitamins, and nutritional supplements, to determine that each is appropriate, effective, and safe, given the patient’s medical conditions, comorbidities, and other medications. Comprehensive medication management services are provided by a clinical pharmacist as part of a patient’s health care team.

“Clinical pharmacist” is defined as a licensed pharmacist who has completed a clinical residency to acquire expertise in the therapeutic use of medications to ensure optimal patient health outcomes and works as part of a patient’s healthcare professional team to provide medication therapy evaluations and recommendations to patients and healthcare providers.

CMM services for which a clinical pharmacist would receive NJ FamilyCare reimbursement will include:

1. comprehensive reviews of a pediatric patient’s prescription medications, over-the-counter medications, vitamins, and nutritional supplements;
2. development and implementation of patient-specific medication action plans;
3. monitoring of patient adherence to the patient-specific medication action plan;
4. follow-up consultations and services necessary to ensure the efficacy and safety of the patient-specific medication action plan; and
5. any other CMM services deemed necessary by the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (the division) in the Department of Human Services and the New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy in the Division of Consumer Affairs for the appropriate care of a medically complex pediatric patient.

The bill directs the division to enter into value-based contracts with licensed clinical pharmacists in order to reimburse for CMM services provided for medically complex pediatric patients. The division will establish a quality assurance program to monitor and evaluate the outcomes and efficacy of the CMM services provided, and ensure that these services align with the division's value-based payment strategies.

The division and the Board of Pharmacy will designate the educational, training, and credentialing requirements for licensed clinical pharmacists to provide CMM services.

The bill also amends "The New Jersey Pharmacy Practice Act," P.L.2003, c.280 (C.45:14-40 et seq.), to specify that a licensed clinical pharmacist who satisfies the credentialing requirements for the provision of CMM services will not be required to enter into a written agreement with a licensed physician in order to provide CMM services. The bill further amends section 25 of P.L.2003, c.280 to provide that the statutory provisions regulating collaborative drug therapy management will not apply to the provision of CMM services, as provided by a licensed clinical pharmacist.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2026-2027 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.