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SYNOPSIS

Requires health insurance carriers to use standard explanation of benefits form.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 AN ACT concerning certain health benefits forms and
2 supplementing P.L.1999, c.155 (C.17B:30-26 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. a. Every carrier issuing health benefits plans in this State
8 shall provide a written explanation of benefits form which complies
9 with the standardized form prescribed pursuant to subsection b. of
10 this section to a covered person whenever a claim is generated
11 under the covered person's health benefits plan.

12 b. The Commissioner of Banking and Insurance shall prescribe
13 by regulation a standardized explanation of benefits form designed
14 to be clearly understandable to covered persons in a manner
15 consistent with the "Life and Health Insurance Policy Language
16 Simplification Act," P.L.1979, c. 167 (C.17B:17-17 et seq.). The
17 uniform explanation of benefits form shall be used by every carrier
18 as required by subsection a. of this section. The uniform
19 explanation of benefits form shall include, but not be limited to, a
20 summary of benefits for current services, including the cost of
21 service, the amount paid by the carrier and the amount to be paid by
22 the covered person; an explanation of the reason for benefit denial,
23 if any; and a summary of the covered person's policy.

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25 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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30 This bill requires health insurance carriers issuing health benefits
31 plans in this State to provide a standardized written explanation of
32 benefits form (commonly referred to as an "EOB") to a covered person
33 whenever a claim is generated under the covered person's health
34 benefits plan.

35 The bill provides that the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance
36 shall prescribe by regulation a standardized explanation of benefits
37 form designed to be clearly understandable to covered persons in a
38 manner consistent with the "Life and Health Insurance Policy
39 Language Simplification Act," P.L.1979, c. 167 (C.17B:17-17 et seq.)
40 to be used by carriers in complying with the bill's requirements. The
41 uniform explanation of benefits form shall include, but not be limited
42 to, a summary of current services, including the cost of service, the
43 amount paid by the carrier and the amount to be paid by the covered
44 person; an explanation of the reason for benefit denial, if any; and a
45 summary of the covered person's policy.