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SYNOPSIS

Prohibits preauthorization of certain ultrasound screenings covered under health benefits plans.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 **AN ACT** concerning preauthorization of certain ultrasound
2 screenings and supplementing various parts of the statutory law.

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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. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, rule or
8 regulation to the contrary, a carrier shall not condition the payment
9 of any benefit for a prenatal ultrasound screening upon any
10 preauthorization of any kind by the carrier if that prenatal
11 ultrasound screening is otherwise covered under the health benefits
12 plan and it has been prescribed by a licensed health care provider.

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14 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, rule or
15 regulation to the contrary, a third party administrator shall not
16 condition the payment of any benefit for a prenatal ultrasound
17 screening upon any preauthorization of any kind by the third party
18 administrator or benefits payer if that prenatal ultrasound screening
19 is otherwise covered under the health benefits plan and it has been
20 prescribed by a licensed health care provider.

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22 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, rule or
23 regulation to the contrary, a contract for health benefits purchased
24 by the State Health Benefits Program shall not condition the
25 payment of any benefit for a prenatal ultrasound screening upon any
26 preauthorization of any kind if that prenatal ultrasound screening is
27 otherwise covered under the health benefits plan and it has been
28 prescribed by a licensed health care provider.

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30 4. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, rule or
31 regulation to the contrary, a contract for health benefits purchased
32 by the School Employees' Health Benefits Program shall not
33 condition the payment of any benefit for a prenatal ultrasound
34 screening upon any preauthorization of any kind if that prenatal
35 ultrasound screening is otherwise covered under the health benefits
36 plan and it has been prescribed by a licensed health care provider.

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38 5. This act shall take effect on the first day of the third month
39 next following the date of enactment and apply to health benefits
40 plans issued or purchased on or after that date.

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STATEMENT

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45 This bill prohibits health insurers, third party administrators, and
46 the State Health Benefits Program and the School Employees'
47 Health Benefits Program from requiring the preauthorization of
48 prenatal ultrasound screenings covered under a health benefits plan.