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SYNOPSIS

Directs Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services to collaborate for purposes of evidence-based policy review; makes an appropriation.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **AN ACT** concerning collaboration for evidence-based Medicaid
2 policy review and improvement and making an appropriation.

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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. The Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services
8 in the Department of Human Services shall collaborate with the
9 Center for Evidence-Based Policy at Oregon Health & Science
10 University and shall utilize the information and resources available
11 through the collaboration to review current health care expenditures
12 in the State's Medicaid program established pursuant to P.L.1968,
13 c.413 (C.30:4D-1 et seq.), and the NJ FamilyCare program
14 established pursuant to P.L.2005, c.156 (C.30:4J-8 et al.), in order
15 to identify opportunities for increased efficiency, cost savings, and
16 value in those programs. Specifically, the division shall participate
17 in the Drug Effectiveness Review Project and the Medicaid
18 Evidence-Based Decisions Project. The director of the Division of
19 Medical Assistance and Health Services, or the director's designee,
20 shall participate in conferences attendant to the collaboration with
21 the Center, access research and resources available through the
22 collaboration to review State expenditures, and make changes as
23 necessary to improve the efficiency, value, and cost-effectiveness of
24 health care services provided through the State's Medicaid and NJ
25 FamilyCare programs. The division shall enter into a three-year
26 collaboration with the Center through contract, agreement, or in any
27 manner appropriate to effectuate the purposes of this bill.

28 b. The division shall, no later than four months prior to the
29 termination of the three-year collaboration, submit a written report
30 to the Governor, and to the Legislature pursuant to section 2 of
31 P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1) concerning the benefits of the
32 collaboration, any changes made to the delivery of health care
33 services in the State as a result of information obtained through the
34 collaboration, estimates of any resultant cost-savings achieved, and
35 an analysis of the benefits of, and return on investment achieved
36 through, collaboration with the Center for Evidence-Based Policy.

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38 2. The Commissioner of Human Services shall apply for such
39 State plan amendments or waivers as may be necessary to
40 implement the provisions of this act and submit a claim to the
41 Secretary of Health and Human Services to secure the maximum
42 federal financial participation for this collaboration as a State
43 administrative expenditure necessary for the proper and efficient
44 administration of the State Medicaid plan.

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46 3. There is appropriated from the General Fund such amounts
47 as determined by the Commissioner of Human Services as

1 necessary for the first year of the collaboration between the division
2 and the Center for Evidence-Based Policy subject to the approval of
3 the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting in the
4 Department of the Treasury.

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6 4. This act shall take effect immediately.
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9 STATEMENT
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11 This bill directs the Division of Medical Assistance and Health
12 Services in the Department of Human Services to collaborate with
13 the Center for Evidence-Based Policy at Oregon Health & Science
14 and to utilize the information and resources available through the
15 collaboration to review current health care expenditures in the
16 State's Medicaid program established pursuant to P.L.1968, c.413
17 (C.30:4D-1 et seq.), and the NJ FamilyCare program established
18 pursuant to P.L.2005, c.156 (C.30:4J-8 et al.), in order to identify
19 opportunities for increased efficiency, cost savings, and value in
20 those programs.

21 Specifically, the bill directs the division to participate in the
22 Drug Effectiveness Review Project and the Medicaid Evidence-
23 Based Decisions Project. The director of the Division of Medical
24 Assistance and Health Services, or the director's designee, is to
25 participate in conferences attendant to the collaboration with the
26 Center, access research and resources available through the
27 collaboration to review State expenditures, and make changes as
28 necessary to improve the efficiency, value, and cost-effectiveness of
29 health care services provided through the State's Medicaid and NJ
30 FamilyCare programs. The bill provides that the division enter into
31 a three-year collaboration with the Center, and that no later than
32 four months prior to the termination of the three-year collaboration,
33 the division submit a written report to the Governor, and to the
34 Legislature concerning the benefits of the collaboration, any
35 changes made to the delivery of health care services in the State as
36 a result of information obtained through the collaboration, estimates
37 of any resultant cost-savings achieved, and an analysis of the
38 benefits of, and return on investment achieved through,
39 collaboration with the Center for Evidence-Based Policy.

40 The bill also directs the Commissioner of Human Services to
41 apply for such State plan amendments or waivers as may be
42 necessary to implement the provisions of this act and to submit a
43 claim to the Secretary of Health and Human Services to secure the
44 maximum federal financial participation for this collaboration as a
45 State administrative expenditure necessary for the proper and
46 efficient administration of the State Medicaid plan. The bill makes
47 an appropriation from the General Fund of such amounts as

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1 determined by the commissioner to be necessary for the first year of
2 the collaboration, subject to the approval of the Director of the
3 Division of Budget and Accounting in the Department of the
4 Treasury.