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SYNOPSIS

Requires health insurers to provide coverage for positron emission tomography to diagnose Alzheimer's disease.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **AN ACT** concerning health insurance coverage for positron emission
2 tomography to diagnose Alzheimer's disease and supplementing
3 Titles 17 and 26 of the Revised Statutes and Title 17B of the
4 New Jersey Statutes.

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6 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
7 *of New Jersey:*

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9 1. A hospital service corporation contract that provides hospital
10 or medical expense benefits and is delivered, issued, executed or
11 renewed in this State or approved for issuance or renewal in this
12 State by the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance, on or after
13 the effective date of this act, shall provide coverage for medically
14 necessary expenses incurred in the use of positron emission
15 tomography to diagnose Alzheimer's disease.

16 The benefits shall be provided to the same extent as for any other
17 medical conditions under the contract.

18 This section shall apply to those hospital service corporation
19 contracts in which the hospital service corporation has reserved the
20 right to change the premium.

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22 2. A medical service corporation contract that provides hospital
23 or medical expense benefits and is delivered, issued, executed or
24 renewed in this State or approved for issuance or renewal in this
25 State by the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance, on or after
26 the effective date of this act, shall provide coverage for medically
27 necessary expenses incurred in the use of positron emission
28 tomography to diagnose Alzheimer's disease.

29 The benefits shall be provided to the same extent as for any other
30 medical conditions under the contract.

31 This section shall apply to those medical service corporation
32 contracts in which the medical service corporation has reserved the
33 right to change the premium.

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35 3. A health service corporation contract that provides hospital
36 or medical expense benefits and is delivered, issued, executed or
37 renewed in this State or approved for issuance or renewal in this
38 State by the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance, on or after
39 the effective date of this act, shall provide coverage for medically
40 necessary expenses incurred in the use of positron emission
41 tomography to diagnose Alzheimer's disease.

42 The benefits shall be provided to the same extent as for any other
43 medical conditions under the contract.

44 This section shall apply to those health service corporation
45 contracts in which the health service corporation has reserved the
46 right to change the premium.

1 4. A group health insurance policy that provides hospital or
2 medical expense benefits and is delivered, issued, executed or
3 renewed in this State or approved for issuance or renewal in this
4 State by the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance, on or after
5 the effective date of this act, shall provide coverage for medically
6 necessary expenses incurred in the use of positron emission
7 tomography to diagnose Alzheimer's disease.

8 The benefits shall be provided to the same extent as for any other
9 medical conditions under the policy.

10 This section shall apply to those insurance policies in which the
11 insurer has reserved the right to change the premium.

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13 5. An individual health insurance policy that provides hospital
14 or medical expense benefits and is delivered, issued, executed or
15 renewed in this State or approved for issuance or renewal in this
16 State by the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance, on or after
17 the effective date of this act, shall provide coverage for medically
18 necessary expenses incurred in the use of positron emission
19 tomography to diagnose Alzheimer's disease.

20 The benefits shall be provided to the same extent as for any other
21 medical conditions under the policy.

22 This section shall apply to those insurance policies in which the
23 insurer has reserved the right to change the premium.

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25 6. A certificate of authority to establish and operate a health
26 maintenance organization in this State shall not be issued or
27 continued by the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance on or
28 after the effective date of this act unless the health maintenance
29 organization provides health care services coverage for the use of
30 positron emission tomography to diagnose Alzheimer's disease.

31 The health care services shall be provided to the same extent as
32 for any other medical conditions under the contract for health care
33 services.

34 The provisions of this section shall apply to those contracts for
35 health care services by health maintenance organizations under
36 which the right to change the schedule of charges for enrollee
37 coverage is reserved.

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39 7. An individual health benefits plan that provides hospital or
40 medical expense benefits and is delivered, issued, executed or
41 renewed in this State pursuant to P.L.1992, c.161 (C.17B:27A-
42 2 et seq.) or approved for issuance or renewal in this State, on or
43 after the effective date of this act, shall provide coverage for
44 medically necessary expenses incurred in the use of positron
45 emission tomography to diagnose Alzheimer's disease.

46 The benefits shall be provided to the same extent as for any other
47 medical conditions under the health benefits plan.

11 The benefits shall be provided to the same extent as for any other
12 medical conditions under the health benefits plan.

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16 9. This act shall take effect on the 30th day after enactment.

19	STATEMENT
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21 This bill would require hospital, medical, and health service
22 corporations, individual, small employer, and larger employer
23 commercial insurers, and health maintenance organizations to
24 provide coverage for medically necessary expenses incurred in the
25 use of positron emission tomography (PET scan) to diagnose
26 Alzheimer's disease.