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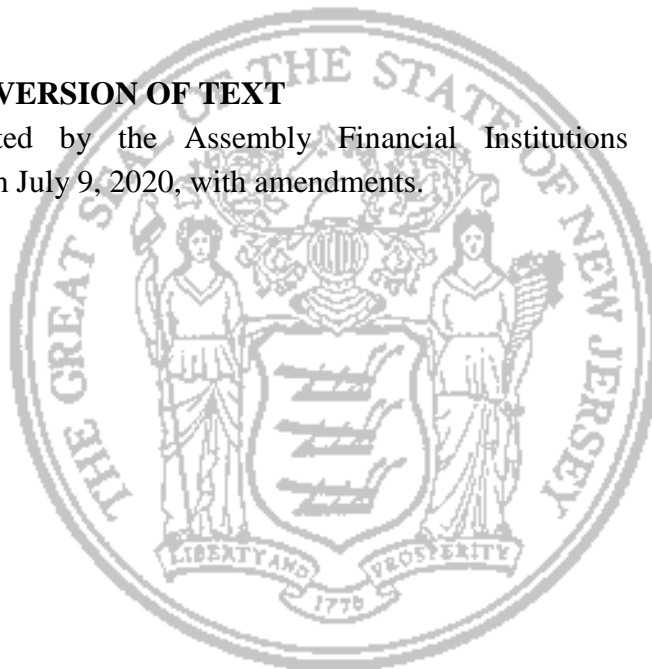
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**SYNOPSIS**

Prohibits insurers, SHBP, and SEHBP from charging fee for paper bills and notices.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee on July 9, 2020, with amendments.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 7/30/2020)**

1 AN ACT concerning insurance billing practices and supplementing  
2 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. a. As used in this section:

8 "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Banking and  
9 Insurance.

10 "Insurer" means:

11 (1) Any corporation, association, partnership, reciprocal  
12 exchange, interinsurer, Lloyd's insurer, fraternal benefit society, or  
13 other person engaged in the business of insurance pursuant to  
14 Subtitle 3 of Title 17 of the Revised Statutes or Subtitle 3 of Title  
15 17B of the New Jersey Statutes;

16 (2) Any medical service corporation operating pursuant to  
17 P.L.1940, c.74 (C.17:48A-1 et seq.);

18 (3) Any hospital service corporation operating pursuant to  
19 P.L.1938, c.366 (C.17:48-1 et seq.);

20 (4) Any health service corporation operating pursuant to  
21 P.L.1985, c.236 (C.17:48E-1 et seq.);

22 (5) Any health maintenance organization established pursuant to  
23 the provisions of P.L.1973, c.337 (C.26:2J-1 et seq.);

24 (6) Any insurance plan operating pursuant to P.L.1970, c.215  
25 (C.17:29D-1);

26 (7) The New Jersey Insurance Underwriting Association  
27 operating pursuant to P.L.1968, c.129 (C.17:37A-1 et seq.).

28 b. No insurer shall charge a fee to furnish tangible printed or  
29 paper bills or notices, with respect to any insurance policy, to an  
30 insured or other owner of that policy.

31 c. If the commissioner finds, after notice and hearing, that an  
32 insurer has a pattern and practice of charging a fee prohibited by  
33 this section, the commissioner may, after notice and hearing, order  
34 the payment of a penalty not to exceed \$1,000 for each offense.  
35 Each instance of a fee prohibited by this section that is charged to  
36 an insured or other owner of that policy shall be a separate offense  
37 and subject to assessment of a separate penalty. Penalties assessed  
38 pursuant to this section shall be collected by the commissioner  
39 pursuant to the "Penalty Enforcement Law of 1999," P.L.1999,  
40 c.274 (C.2A:58-10 et seq.).

41 <sup>1</sup>d. Nothing in this section shall prohibit an insurer from  
42 offering a discount, credit or other incentive to an insured for  
43 selecting a specific billing, payment or notification option.<sup>1</sup>

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45 2. The State Health Benefits Commission shall not charge a fee  
46 to furnish tangible printed or paper bills or notices, with respect to

**EXPLANATION** – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

**Matter underlined thus is new matter.**

**Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:**

<sup>1</sup>Assembly AFI committee amendments adopted July 9, 2020.

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1 any health plan included in the State Health Benefits Program to  
2 any member of the State Health Benefits Program.

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4 3. The School Employees' Health Benefits Commission shall  
5 not charge a fee to furnish tangible printed or paper bills or notices,  
6 with respect to any health plan included in the School Employees'  
7 Health Benefits Program to any member of the School Employees'  
8 Health Benefits Program.

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10 4. This act shall take effect on the 90<sup>th</sup> day next following  
11 enactment.