

ASSEMBLY, No. 4059

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SYNOPSIS

Requires notification for exhaustion of workers' compensation and temporary disability benefits.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning exhaustion of workers' compensation and
2 temporary disability benefits and supplementing R.S.34:15-1 et
3 seq. and P.L.1948, c.110 (C.43:21-25 et al.).
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:
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8 1. The Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development, or
9 the appropriate entity administering workers' compensation benefits
10 if the benefits are not administered by the State, shall give written
11 notification to any individual receiving workers' compensation
12 benefits pursuant to R.S.34:15-1 et seq., of the date of the final
13 exhaustion of all workers' compensation benefits for the individual,
14 not less than four weeks prior to that date. The written notification
15 shall include a referral for services from the Department of Human
16 Services and any other appropriate State agency to counsel and assist
17 the individual to obtain any resources which may be available for the
18 individual and dependents of the individual, including assistance
19 regarding housing, child care, food, mental health, addiction
20 services, and health care coverage. The notification shall be
21 distributed in a manner deemed by the commissioner to be the most
22 practicable and cost effective, but that will ensure timely personal
23 notification of each person.
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25 2. The Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development, or
26 the appropriate entity administering temporary disability benefits if
27 the benefits are not administered by the State, shall give written
28 notification to any individual receiving temporary disability benefits
29 pursuant to the "Temporary Disability Benefits Law," P.L.1948,
30 c.110 (C.43:21-25 et al.), of the date of the final exhaustion of all
31 temporary disability benefits for the individual, not less than four
32 weeks prior to that date. The written notification shall include a
33 referral for services from the Department of Human Services and any
34 other appropriate State agency to counsel and assist the individual to
35 obtain any resources which may be available for the individual and
36 dependents of the individual, including assistance regarding housing,
37 child care, food, mental health, addiction services, and health care
38 coverage. The notification shall be distributed in a manner deemed
39 by the commissioner to be the most practicable and cost effective,
40 but that will ensure timely personal notification of each person.
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42 3. This act shall take effect on the first day of the third month
43 next following enactment, except that the Commissioner of Labor
44 and Workforce Development may take any anticipatory
45 administrative action in advance as shall be necessary for the
46 implementation of this act.

STATEMENT

This bill requires the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development, or the appropriate entity administering benefits, to provide written notification to any individual receiving workers' compensation benefits of the date of the final exhaustion of all workers' compensation benefits for the individual, at least four weeks prior to that date.

Additionally, this bill requires the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development, or the appropriate entity administering benefits, to provide written notification to any individual receiving temporary disability benefits pursuant to the "Temporary Disability Benefits Law," P.L.1948, c.110 (C.43:21-25 et al.), of the date of the final exhaustion of all temporary disability benefits for the individual, at least four weeks prior to that date.

The written notification will include a referral for services from the Department of Human Services and any other appropriate State agency to counsel and assist the individual to obtain any resources which may be available for the individual and dependents of the individual, including assistance regarding housing, child care, food, mental health, addiction services, and health care coverage.

Under current law, the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development is required to send a comparable notification for exhaustion of unemployment benefits, and this bill, if enacted, will require the commissioner to send out notification for the exhaustion of workers' compensation and temporary disability benefits as well.