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SYNOPSIS

Establishes insulin assistance program.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning insulin and supplementing Title 24 of the
2 Revised Statutes.

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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 "Qualified individual" means an individual who does not have
9 health insurance or other health coverage and who has been
10 approved by the Commissioner of Human Services to participate in
11 the insulin assistance program established pursuant to this section.

12 "Pharmacy practice site" means a pharmacy practice site licensed
13 pursuant to P.L.2003, c.280 (C.45:14-40 et seq.).

14 b. The Department of Human Services shall establish an insulin
15 assistance program, if necessary funds are available, to fully
16 reimburse pharmacy practice sites for insulin products and related
17 supplies that are dispensed by the pharmacy practice site to
18 qualified individuals who possess a valid prescription for the
19 dispensed insulin product.

20 c. A pharmacy practice site may register with the
21 Commissioner of Human Services and agree to reimbursement and
22 other contract terms to participate in the insulin assistance program.
23 A participating pharmacy practice site shall dispense insulin
24 products and related supplies to qualified individuals who present a
25 valid prescription. Insulin products and related supplies shall be
26 dispensed at no cost to a qualified individual.

27 d. In order to participate in the insulin assistance program, an
28 individual shall apply with the Department of Human Services in a
29 manner determined by the department. Participation in the insulin
30 assistance program shall be contingent on available department
31 funds and on the individual documenting a financial inability to
32 purchase insulin products for which the individual has a valid
33 prescription. A qualified individual may participate in the insulin
34 assistance program for a period of 90 days. An individual may
35 reapply with the Department of Human Services to participate in the
36 insulin assistance program for additional 90-day periods.

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38 2. The Commissioner of Human Services shall adopt rules and
39 regulations, in accordance with the "Administrative Procedure Act,"
40 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), as are necessary to effectuate
41 the provisions of this act.

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43 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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47 This bill establishes an insulin assistance program in the
48 Department of Human Services (DHS).

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1 Under the bill, the DHS is to establish an insulin assistance
2 program, if necessary funds are available, to fully reimburse
3 pharmacies for insulin products and related supplies that are
4 dispensed by the pharmacy to qualified individuals who possess a
5 valid prescription for the dispensed insulin product.

6 The bill provides that a pharmacy may register with the
7 Commissioner of Human Services and agree to reimbursement and
8 other contract terms to participate in the insulin assistance program.
9 A participating pharmacy is to dispense insulin products and related
10 supplies to qualified individuals who present a valid prescription.
11 Insulin products and related supplies are to be dispensed at no cost
12 to a qualified individual. Under the bill, “qualified individual”
13 means an individual who does not have health insurance or other
14 health coverage and who has been approved by the Commissioner
15 of Human Services to participate in the insulin assistance program.

16 In order to participate in the insulin assistance program, an
17 individual is to apply with the DHS in a manner determined by the
18 DHS. Participation in the insulin assistance program is to be
19 contingent on available DHS funds and on the individual
20 documenting a financial inability to purchase insulin products for
21 which the individual has a valid prescription. A qualified
22 individual may participate in the insulin assistance program for a
23 period of 90 days. An individual may reapply with the DHS to
24 participate in the insulin assistance program for additional 90-day
25 periods.