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SYNOPSIS

Requires availability of certain laboratory testing for coronavirus disease 2019.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Appropriations Committee on July 27, 2020, with amendments.

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AN ACT concerning coronavirus disease 2019 laboratory testing.

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

1. a. As used in this section:

"Clinical laboratory" means a laboratory licensed by the Department of Health, pursuant to the "New Jersey Clinical Laboratory Improvement Act," P.L.1975, c.166 (C.45:9-42.26 et seq.).

"Health care professional" means a person licensed [2]or certified[2] to practice a health care profession pursuant to Title 45 of the Revised Statutes.

b. Subject to the availability of coronavirus disease 2019 tests, a clinical laboratory shall offer in-person [1]specimen collection [2]or at-home specimen collection kits[2] for[1] diagnostic testing [2]for the coronavirus disease 2019,[2] and [1][in-person][1] [2]in-person[2] serologic testing for the coronavirus disease 2019 [2],[2] [1][within the patient care sites of the clinical laboratory][1] to patients who have been authorized by a health care professional to receive a test for the coronavirus disease 2019. [1][Such testing shall include nasopharyngeal or anterior nasal and saliva testing.][1]

2. This act shall take effect [1][immediately] 30 days following the date of enactment[1] and shall expire upon the end of both the state of emergency and the public health emergency declared in response to the coronavirus disease 2019.

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:
[1]Assembly AHE committee amendments adopted June 22, 2020.
[2]Assembly AAP committee amendments adopted July 27, 2020.