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SYNOPSIS

Requires publication of guide for licensure as integrated care facility; assigns DOH and DHS employees to communicate with facilities.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning integrated care and supplementing Title 26 of
2 the 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 act:

8 "Integrated health care" means the systematic coordination of
9 general and behavioral healthcare. This care may address mental
10 illnesses, substance use disorders, health behaviors including their
11 contributions to chronic medical illnesses, life stressors and crises,
12 stress-related physical symptoms, and ineffective patterns of health
13 care utilization.

14 "Primary care" means the practice of family medicine, general
15 internal medicine, general pediatrics, general obstetrics, or
16 gynecology.

17 b. The Department of Health and the Department of Human
18 Services shall publish on the Internet websites of each department a
19 guide for the following health care facilities under the jurisdiction
20 of either department, including, but not limited to, federally
21 qualified health centers, ambulatory care facilities, behavioral
22 health care facilities, community mental health programs, and
23 substance use disorder treatment facilities. The guide shall:

24 (1) detail the regulatory and statutory requirements and steps
25 which are necessary for the health care facility to meet and take to
26 be licensed to provide integrated health care;

27 (2) detail the regulatory and statutory requirements and steps
28 which are necessary for a health care facility that practices primary
29 care to meet and take to be licensed to provide behavioral health
30 care, substance use disorder treatment, or both;

31 (3) list the contact information for the department employee
32 who shall be assigned to communicate with facilities that have
33 questions regarding the regulatory and statutory requirements which
34 are detailed in the guide; and

35 (4) be displayed, structured, and written in a manner that is
36 clear, concise, and understandable.

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38 2. The Commissioners of Health and Human Services may
39 adopt rules and regulations, in accordance with the "Administrative
40 Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), as are
41 necessary to effectuate 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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48 This bill requires the publication of a guide for licensure as an
49 integrated care facility.

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2 Human Services are to publish on the Internet websites of each
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