

# SENATE, No. 369

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## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

### 219th LEGISLATURE

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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires DOC to ensure inmates have opportunity to participate in Medicaid pre-enrollment and enrollment sessions at least 60 days prior to release; requires applicable inmates to receive Medicaid card at release.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee with technical review.



1   **AN ACT** concerning Medicaid enrollment procedures for inmates  
2       prior to release, and supplementing Title 30 of the Revised  
3       Statutes.

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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.   a.   The Commissioner of Corrections, in collaboration with  
9       the Commissioner of Human Services, county welfare agencies, and  
10      the county administrators of the county correctional facilities, shall  
11      ensure that an inmate of a State prison or county correctional  
12      facility has the opportunity to participate in:

13       (1) a peer-led Medicaid pre-enrollment session at least 60 days  
14      prior to the release from the State prison or county correctional  
15      facility. The session shall include, at a minimum, information  
16      regarding the benefits of Medicaid, the application process, and  
17      pertinent differences between the managed care plans available  
18      under the program; and

19       (2) an enrollment session no more than five calendar days  
20      following the peer-led Medicaid pre-enrollment session required  
21      under paragraph (1) of this subsection. During the session, county  
22      welfare agency staff or designated State prison or county  
23      correctional facility personnel, who have received training from the  
24      Department of Human Services regarding the screening and  
25      enrollment process for Medicaid, shall provide the inmate with  
26      assistance, either in person or via telephone, in completing a  
27      Medicaid application.

28       b.   The Commissioner of Corrections, in collaboration with the  
29      Commissioner of Human Services, county welfare agencies, and the  
30      county administrators of the county correctional facilities, shall  
31      establish a process by which the Department of Human Services or  
32      another Medicaid eligibility determination agency notifies an  
33      inmate, who completes a Medicaid application during a Medicaid  
34      enrollment session, of the inmate's eligibility determination prior to  
35      release from the State prison or county correctional facility and, if  
36      applicable, provides the inmate with a Medicaid identification card  
37      at the time of release from the State prison or county correctional  
38      facility.

39       c.   Nothing in this section shall be construed to alter the  
40      eligibility standards for medical assistance under the Medicaid  
41      program.

42       d.   As used in this section, "Medicaid" means the program  
43      established pursuant to P.L.1968, c.413 (C.30:4D-1 et seq.).

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45       2.   This act shall take effect shall take effect 60 days following  
46      the date of enactment.