

SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1040

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 6, 2021

The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 1040.

As amended by the committee, this bill requires the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services in the Department of Human Services, to the extent permitted under federal law, to authorize a recipient of Medicaid benefits who is determined eligible to receive a personal care service benefit and who is attending a post-secondary educational institution and residing on that institution's campus to participate remotely by telephone or other means in a meeting of a non-medical nature regarding the recipient's Medicaid benefits. The provisions of this bill apply to any meeting between the recipient and the division, a managed care organization contracted with the division to provide benefits under the Medicaid program, or any other entity or individual authorized by the division to conduct such meetings.

As reported by the committee with amendments, Senate Bill No. 1040 is identical to Assembly Bill No. 2772, which the committee also amended and reported on this date.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to clarify that the requirements of the bill will apply to the extent they are permitted under federal law.