

SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1220

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1220.

This bill would require that the Medicaid program provide coverage for emergency contraceptives obtained over the counter without requiring a prescription or other authorization.

At this time, Medicaid provides coverage for emergency contraceptives if they are obtained with a prescription. Individuals can obtain emergency contraceptives without a prescription, but the individual must pay for these out-of-pocket. This bill would enable individuals to have greater access to needed contraceptives without the need to visit a provider to obtain a prescription.