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SYNOPSIS

Requires DOH to develop interconception care resources to enhance postpartum care for women.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **AN ACT** concerning interconception care and supplementing Title
2 26 of 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. The Department of Health shall develop interconception care
8 resources for health care facilities and health care practitioners
9 providing postpartum care. The interconception care resources
10 shall include evidence-based clinical management algorithms and
11 patient education materials based on the most common pregnancy-
12 related and delivery-related complications identified in the State, as
13 determined by the department.

14 The algorithms shall be designed to guide risk assessment,
15 counseling, and the management of adverse pregnancy outcomes,
16 maternal complications, and neonatal complications, with the goal
17 of supporting and improving maternal health and reducing risks in
18 future pregnancies.

19 The patient education materials shall provide clear, easily
20 understood explanations of individual health conditions and
21 complications commonly encountered during the birth process and
22 postpartum period, present available treatment options, and include
23 self-care strategies that women can employ to improve their own
24 health, the health of their newborn children, and the likelihood of
25 successful, complication-free pregnancies in the future. To the
26 extent possible, the department shall make the patient education
27 materials available in English, Spanish, and any other language with
28 a significant representation in the State.

29 In developing interconception care resources pursuant to this
30 section, the department may review and, when appropriate, adapt
31 relevant resources developed by another state or by a professional
32 association with expertise in maternal and postpartum care. The
33 department may additionally partner with one or more nonprofit
34 organizations for the purpose of developing evidence-based clinical
35 management algorithms and patient education materials pursuant to
36 this section.

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38 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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