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SYNOPSIS

Establishes maternity care standards for general hospitals providing maternity care.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **AN ACT** concerning maternity 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. The Department of Health shall develop maternity care
8 standards for the use of general hospitals licensed to provide
9 maternity care pursuant to P.L.1971, c.136 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.). The
10 maternity care standards shall focus on ensuring the safety of
11 maternity care patients throughout the prenatal, childbirth, and
12 postpartum periods, with the goal of reducing the number of, and
13 disparities in, adverse maternity care outcomes.

14 b. The maternity care standards developed by the department
15 pursuant to subsection a. of this section shall, at a minimum,
16 include best practices with regard to the maternal care priorities that
17 are identified by the Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health, or
18 another designated maternal safety and quality improvement
19 initiative that is informed by national data. The department shall
20 monitor the maternal care priorities that are identified by the
21 Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health, or another designated
22 maternal safety and quality improvement initiative that is informed
23 by national data, and update maternity care standards accordingly,
24 while ensuring continued compliance with the updated maternity
25 care standards as a condition of licensure pursuant to subsection c.
26 of this section.

27 c. A hospital licensed to provide maternity care services shall
28 ensure compliance with the maternity care standards developed
29 pursuant to this section as a condition of licensure.

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31 2. The Department of Health shall, pursuant to the
32 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
33 seq.), adopt rules or regulations as are necessary to effectuate the
34 provisions of this act.

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36 3. This act shall take effect 365 days after the date of
37 enactment.

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STATEMENT

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42 The maternity care standards developed by the Department of
43 Health (DOH) are to, at a minimum, include best practices with
44 regard to the maternal care priorities that are identified by the
45 Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health, or another designated
46 maternal safety and quality improvement initiative that is informed
47 by national data. The DOH is to monitor the maternal care
48 priorities that are identified by the Alliance for Innovation on

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- 3 maternity care standards accordingly, while ensuring continued
- 4 compliance with the updated maternity care standards as a condition
- 5 of licensure.