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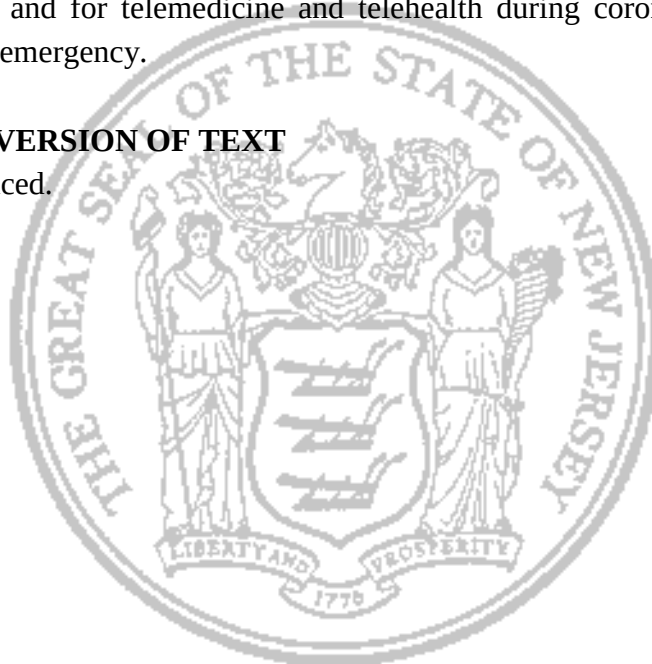
Senators Stack, Cruz-Perez, Ruiz, Addiego, Greenstein, T.Kean, Brown, Holzapfel, O'Scanlon, Thompson and Singer

SYNOPSIS

Requires health insurance and Medicaid coverage for testing of coronavirus disease 2019 and for telemedicine and telehealth during coronavirus disease 2019 state of emergency.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **AN ACT** concerning health insurance and Medicaid coverage and
2 coronavirus disease 2019 and supplementing P.L.1968, c.413
3 (C.30:4D-1 et seq.) and P.L.1997, c.192 (C.26:2S-1 et seq.).
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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. During the Public Health Emergency and State of
9 Emergency declared by the Governor in Executive Order 103 of
10 2020, the State Medicaid and NJ FamilyCare programs shall
11 provide coverage and payment for expenses incurred in:

12 (1) the testing for coronavirus disease 2019, provided that a
13 licensed medical practitioner has issued a medical order for that
14 testing; and

15 (2) the delivery of health care services through telemedicine or
16 telehealth in accordance with the provisions of P.L.2017, c.117
17 (C.45:1-61 et al.).

18 b. The coverage shall be provided to the same extent as for any
19 other health care services, except that no cost-sharing shall be
20 imposed on the coverage provided pursuant to this section.

21 c. The Commissioner of Human Services shall apply for such
22 State plan amendments or waivers as may be necessary to
23 implement the provisions of this act and to secure federal financial
24 participation for State Medicaid expenditures under the federal
25 Medicaid program.
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27 2. a. During the Public Health Emergency and State of
28 Emergency declared by the Governor in Executive Order 103 of
29 2020, a carrier that offers a health benefits plan in this State shall
30 provide coverage and payment for expenses incurred in:

31 (1) the testing of coronavirus disease 2019, provided that a
32 health care professional in accordance with the provisions of
33 P.L.2017, c.117 (C.45:1-61 et al.) has issued a medical order for the
34 testing; and

35 (2) any health care services delivered to a covered person
36 through telemedicine or telehealth in accordance with the
37 provisions of P.L.2017, c.117 (C.45:1-61 et al.).

38 b. The coverage shall be provided to the same extent as for any
39 other health care services under the health benefits plan, except that
40 no cost-sharing shall be imposed on the coverage provided pursuant
41 to this section.

42 c. As used in this section, “carrier,” means an insurance
43 company, health service corporation, hospital service corporation,
44 medical service corporation, or health maintenance organization
45 authorized to issue health benefits plans in this State, and shall
46 include the State Health Benefits Program and the School
47 Employees' Health Benefits Program.

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