

ASSEMBLY, No. 2983

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SYNOPSIS

Prohibits pre-approval or precertification of prenatal ultrasound screenings covered under health benefits plans.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee with technical review.



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1 AN ACT concerning pre-approval and precertification of certain
2 ultrasound screenings and supplementing various parts of the
3 statutory law.

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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. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, rule or
9 regulation to the contrary, a carrier shall not condition the payment
10 of any benefit for a prenatal ultrasound screening upon any pre-
11 approval or precertification of any kind by the carrier if that
12 prenatal ultrasound screening is otherwise covered under the health
13 benefits plan and it has been prescribed by a licensed health care
14 provider.

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16 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, rule or
17 regulation to the contrary, a third party administrator shall not
18 condition the payment of any benefit for a prenatal ultrasound
19 screening upon any pre-approval or precertification of any kind by
20 the third party administrator or benefits payer if that prenatal
21 ultrasound screening is otherwise covered under the health benefits
22 plan and it has been prescribed by a licensed health care provider.

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24 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, rule or
25 regulation to the contrary, a contract for health benefits purchased
26 by the State Health Benefits Program shall not condition the
27 payment of any benefit for a prenatal ultrasound screening upon any
28 pre-approval or precertification of any kind if that prenatal
29 ultrasound screening is otherwise covered under the health benefits
30 plan and it has been prescribed by a licensed health care provider.

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32 4. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, rule or
33 regulation to the contrary, a contract for health benefits purchased
34 by the School Employees' Health Benefits Program shall not
35 condition the payment of any benefit for a prenatal ultrasound
36 screening upon any pre-approval or precertification of any kind if
37 that prenatal ultrasound screening is otherwise covered under the
38 health benefits plan and it has been prescribed by a licensed health
39 care provider.

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41 5. This act shall take effect immediately and apply to health
42 benefits plans issued or purchased on or after that date.