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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires certain public assistance programs to include menstrual hygiene products among covered benefits available to eligible recipients.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning menstrual hygiene products and supplementing  
2 Title 44 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. a. The State Medicaid program established pursuant to  
8 P.L.1968, c.413 (C.30:4D-1 et seq.), the New Jersey Supplemental  
9 Nutrition Assistance Program, established pursuant to the federal  
10 "Food and Nutrition Act of 2008," Pub.L.110-246 (7 U.S.C. s.2011  
11 et seq.), and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for  
12 Women, Infants, and Children, established pursuant to the federal  
13 "Child Nutrition Act of 1966," Pub.L.89-642 (42 U.S.C. s.1771 et  
14 seq. shall include menstrual hygiene products among the covered  
15 benefits available for all eligible recipients.

16 b. The Commissioner of Human Services shall consult and  
17 coordinate with the Commissioner of Health on the establishment of  
18 an educational and public awareness campaign to inform the public  
19 about the provisions of this act and to ensure that eligible recipients  
20 of the State Medicaid program, the New Jersey Supplemental  
21 Nutrition Assistance Program, the Special Supplemental Nutrition  
22 Program for Women, Infants, and Children, the Work First New  
23 Jersey program, and the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families  
24 program are aware of the new benefits made available to them  
25 pursuant to subsection a. of this section, and shall post the  
26 information provided through the campaign on each of their  
27 departments' Internet sites.

28 c. The Commissioner of Human Services shall apply for such  
29 State plan amendments or waivers as may be necessary to  
30 implement the provisions of this section and to secure federal  
31 financial participation for expenditures under any of the applicable  
32 programs listed in subsection a. of this section.

33 d. As used in this section, "menstrual hygiene products" means  
34 tampons, panty liners, menstrual cups, sanitary napkins, and other  
35 similar products designed for a person's hygiene in connection with  
36 the human menstrual cycle.

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38 2. This act shall take effect upon any federal approval and the  
39 acceptance of any such approval by the Department of Health and  
40 the Department of Human Services but the departments may take  
41 such anticipatory action in advance as shall be necessary for the  
42 implementation this act.

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STATEMENT

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47 This bill requires the State Medicaid program established  
48 pursuant to P.L.1968, c.413 (C.30:4D-1 et seq.), the New Jersey

1 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, established pursuant to  
2 the federal "Food and Nutrition Act of 2008," Pub.L.110-246 (7  
3 U.S.C. s.2011 et seq.), and the Special Supplemental Nutrition  
4 Program for Women, Infants, and Children, established pursuant to  
5 the federal "Child Nutrition Act of 1966," Pub.L.89-642 (42 U.S.C.  
6 s.1771 et seq.), the Work First New Jersey program, established  
7 pursuant to P.L.1997, c.38 (C.44:10-55 et seq. to include menstrual  
8 hygiene products among the covered benefits available for all  
9 eligible recipients.

10 As defined in the bill, "menstrual hygiene products" means  
11 tampons, panty liners, menstrual cups, sanitary napkins, and other  
12 similar products designed for a person's hygiene in connection with  
13 the human menstrual cycle.

14 The bill requires the Commissioner of Human Services to consult  
15 and coordinate with the Commissioner of Health on the  
16 establishment of an educational and public awareness campaign to  
17 inform the public about the provisions of bill and to ensure that  
18 eligible recipients of the public assistance programs covered under  
19 the bill are aware of the new benefits made available to them, and to  
20 post the information provided through the campaign on each of the  
21 departments' Internet sites.

22 The bill stipulates that the Commissioner of Human Services is  
23 to apply for State plan amendments or waivers as may be necessary  
24 to implement the provisions of the bill and to secure federal  
25 financial participation for expenditures under any of the applicable  
26 programs.