

S-1502

Brief Description:

Establishes up to a four-month extension for expiring carrier contracts with acute care hospitals while parties engage in contract renegotiation.

Sponsor: Scutari (D-22)

Reasons to Support:

- Bill would provide members with greater continuity of coverage while the Hospital Systems and Carriers negotiate.
- It applies to all carriers.

Reasons to Oppose:

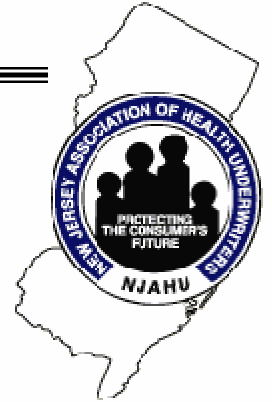
- This bill would force Hospitals and Carriers to extend a legally binding contract beyond the original terms agreed on by the two principals in their contract.
- The bill would increase Carriers cost due to the additional provider and member notification requirements.
- This bill eliminates Carrier and Hospital's ability to extend the contract if no agreement has been reached.

NJAHU Position:

Support (3-2-2010)

Status

2/22/2010 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Commerce Committee



Legislative Briefing