

S-1507

Brief Description:

Prohibits insurers and affiliated entities offering managed care plans from denying participation in network to health care providers willing to meet terms of contract.

Sponsor: Van Drew (D-1)

Reasons to Support:

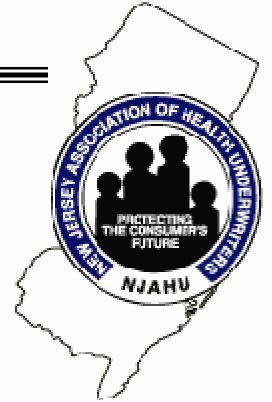
- Bill should increase the size of carrier's network and improve member access.

Reasons to Oppose:

- Eliminates carrier discretion on which providers to include in their network.
- Potentially undermine the negotiating power of the carriers when dealing with a provider.
- Providers might perceive a reduction in the Network membership value if anyone can get in. As a result the bill might cause an increase in carrier payments to the best providers in their network.
- Providers that refer to expensive unnecessary services would be allowed in the network even if the carrier wants to exclude them.
- Would prefer providers be required to be board certified in their area of specialty.

NJAHU Position: **Conditionally Support** (3.6.2010)

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



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