

# S-2023

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## **Brief Description:**

Establishes the “Premium Support Program” in the Medicaid and NJ Family Care Programs. It will allow these program recipients to make use of employer sponsored health insurance. Any procedure not covered by the employer plan that is covered under the state plan would be provided to participants.

## **Bill #/Sponsor(s):**

Senator Bryant (D-Camden-Gloucester)

## **Reasons to Support:**

- Utilize employer sponsored health insurance
- May encourage employers to offer health coverage
- Cost effective alternative to public health programs

## **Reasons to Oppose:**

- The administrative burden of reimbursing employers
- Timely reimbursement that allows the employer to pay premiums
- The likely necessity of additional staff to oversee and handle paperwork

## **NJAHU Position:**

### **CONDITIONALLY SUPPORT**

For the reasons noted above, NJAHU conditionally opposes this bill until the administrative burden can be stated and simplified. Our most recent experience is with the administration of HealthyNY.

## **Status:**

11-13-2006 Referred to Senate Budget & Appropriations Committee



# Legislative Briefing

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