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Subject: March Legislative Report

1. Details on the PAC

- We need additional Fundraisers for the PAC.
- Brad Greenbaum has agreed to become the new HIAPAC Chairman
- Brad has set a goal of \$25,000 for our annual PAC Budget!
- Brad has requested that the NJAHU Match members contributions to the PAC up to \$7,500
- We will need a new person to file the ELEC forms for the PAC Jill Kolakowski has decided not to continue servicing our PAC.
- The HIAPAC lapel pins have been delivered and are ready for distribution. If you have donated more than \$120 to the PAC you are entitled to a pin.

2. Current Legislative Environment

- A-3759 Requires extension of health benefits coverage for certain dependents up to age 30. Assemblyman Cohen introduced 2/7/2005 Introduced A3759. The bill was referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee on 2/7/2005 it was reported out of Assembly Committee on the same day. We are currently opposing this bill.
- We met with the Acting Insurance Commissioner Donald Bryan on 2/24/05 in his offices in the NJDOBI for over one hour. We discussed a wide variety of topics but really focused heavily on Section B of the Compensation Disclosure Amendment To The Producer Licensing Model Act. We also discussed the "Get the Lead Out" changes that NJ will need to adopt in order to allow the HSA plans to continue past the 12/31/05 deadline. We discussed NAHU's efforts to put up a web "Matrix" of the 50 states health programs that are attempting to address the Uninsured population. We also discussed raising or even eliminating the DOBI regulation that mandates a \$5,000 Maximum Out Of Pocket (MOOP). In addition, we discussed the Federal Government's Long Term Care Partnership proposals and proactively passing a LTC Partnership enabling bill in the NJ Legislature in anticipation of Congress allowing them. We also discussed the need to push the legislature to expand the rate ratios to 3.5:1.
- We held our annual Breakfast with the NJ State Legislature in Trenton on March 14th at Thomas Edison State College. We had 34 members in attendance at the event. We had Don Sico of HealthSense address the group prior to the legislators appearing. Don had important information relative to the current political climate in Trenton, NJ. Assemblyman Neil Cohen, Chairman of the Assembly Financial institutions committee spoke with the group for over 35 minutes. He stimulated a great deal of interest among the attendees. In addition we had Assemblyman Herb Conaway, MD speak to the group regarding his legislative priorities for the coming year. Jessica Waltman, Legislative Director of Policy Research, addressed the group on the national view of the health care landscape.
- Senator Singer has sponsored a bill (S-1572) the bill will allow 3.5:1 rate ratios in the Individual and SEH markets. We are hopeful that we can push this bill to passage after the

legislature returns from elections in the Fall of 2005. This bill represents another major contribution by the NJAHU to improving consumers' access to affordable Health Insurance.

3. Important Legislative Issues to address this Quarter

- 3.5:1-rate ratios for the Individual and Group marketplace. **Bill Pending**
- Change the NJ Statutory Continuation to look like Federal COBRA. **DONE**
- Add percentage of eligible employees participating in the group as a rating factor.
- We are looking into language in the NJ Producer Act that allows non-licensed entities to be paid a referral fee (AKA Rebating).
- Find a sponsor for enabling legislation for the Long term Care Partnership program. This bill will allow NJ to enact a LTC Partnership program quickly once the Federal Bill has been approved.
- Add Medicaid and "Family Care" as valid waivers under the NJ SEH plans. **Bill Pending**

4. Events

Health Underwriters (2004-2005)

Bill: **A162**
 Sponsors: Oliver (D34)
 Summary: Revises operations of Individual Health Coverage and Small Employer Health Benefits programs.
 Related: 2002:A1392; 2000:A1606; 2000:S728; 1998:A3569; 1998:S2216
 Status: 01/13/2004 – Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
 History: 01/13/2004 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.

Bill: **A296**
 Sponsors: Vandervalk (R39); Cohen (D20) +1
 Summary: Revises health wellness insurance benefits.
 Related: 2004:S1300; 2002:A2412; 2002:S1746
 Status: 01/13/2004 – Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
 History: 01/13/2004 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.
 Position: Oppose
 Notes: 3-17-04 Oppose per Jack Kalosy on the grounds that it increases benefits and removes the maximum of
 9-9-04 Legislative Committee has made this a priority, position paper to be drafted.

Bill: **A302**
 Sponsors: Vandervalk (R39)
 Summary: Permits continued NJ FamilyCare eligibility for parent whose child turns 19 under certain circumstances.
 Related: 2004:S425; 2002:A3097; 2002:S2104
 Status: 01/13/2004 – Assembly Health and Human Services Committee
 History: 01/13/2004 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Health and Human Services Committee.
 Position: Monitor

Bill: **A333**
Sponsors: Weinberg (D37); Johnson (D37); Previte (D6) +8
Summary: Revises statutory mental health coverage requirements and requires all health insurers to cover alcohol and drug treatment under same terms and conditions as for other diseases or illnesses.
Related: 2002:A2487; 2002:S1633
Status: 01/13/2004 – Assembly Health and Human Services Committee
History: 01/13/2004 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Health and Human Services Committee.
Position: Monitor

Bill: **A336**
Sponsors: Weinberg (D37); Quigley (D32); Manzo (D31) +3
Summary: Provides in-network benefits to patient with disability for services provided by out-of-network provider in certain circumstances.
Related: 2002:A2759; 2002:S1919
Status: 03/22/2004 – Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
History: 01/13/2004 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Health and Human Services Committee.
 02/09/2004 – Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Assembly.
 03/11/2004 – Passed in Assembly 79-0-0.
 03/22/2004 – Received in Senate and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.
Position: Support

Bill: **A340 Aca (1R)**
Sponsors: Weinberg (D37); Conaway (D7); Manzo (D31) +4
Summary: Establishes voluntary Statewide physician joint purchasing alliance.
Related: 2002:A3157; 2002:S2266
Status: 12/06/2004 – Senate Commerce Committee
History: 01/13/2004 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Health and Human Services Committee.
 11/08/2004 – Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.
 11/15/2004 – Passed in Assembly 78-0-0.
 12/06/2004 – Received in Senate and referred to Senate Commerce Committee.
Position: Monitor
Notes: 11-10-04 Change from oppose to monitor per Jack Kalosy.

Bill: **A637**
Sponsors: Stender (D22)
Summary: Requires health insurers to provide health benefits coverage for treatment of pathological gambling.
Related: 2002:A3371
Status: 01/13/2004 – Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
History: 01/13/2004 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.
Position: Oppose

Bill: **A717**
Sponsors: Bodine (R8); Chatzidakis (R8)
Summary: Creates commission to study ways to increase insurance competition in New Jersey.
Related: 2002:A2356; 2002:S1539
Status: 01/13/2004 – Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
History: 01/13/2004 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.
Position: Oppose
Notes: 1-25-05 Oppose per Dave Mordo on the grounds that it establishes another commission.

Bill: **A746**
Sponsors: Cohen (D20); Van Drew (D1); Gordon (D38) +1
Summary: Provides gross income tax credit for certain small business employers that provide health care benefits
Related: 2004:S2164; 2002:A1681; 2000:A1096; 2000:S2734; 1998:A266; 1996:A1147; 1994:A1038; 1992:A
Status: 05/06/2004 – Assembly Appropriations Committee
History: 01/13/2004 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Labor Committee.
05/06/2004 – Reported out of committee, referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee.
Position: Support
Notes: 1-7-05 Support per Jack Kalosy.

Bill: **A747 Acs (ACS)**
Sponsors: Cohen (D20); Gordon (D38) +1
Summary: Provides tax credit for certain taxpayers that provide health care benefits to employees.
Related: 2004:S2166; 2002:A1687; 2000:A1095; 2000:S2735; 1998:A265; 1996:A1146; 1994:A1037; 1992:A
Status: 05/03/2004 – Assembly Appropriations Committee
History: 01/13/2004 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Health and Human Services Committee.
05/03/2004 – Reported out of committee with committee substitute, referred to Assembly Appropriations
Position: Support
Notes: 1-7-05 Support per Jack Kalosy.

Bill: **A912**
Sponsors: Connors, C. (R9); Rumpf (R9)
Summary: Requires health insurers to cover Lyme disease.
Related: 2004:S1308; 2002:A984; 2002:A1328; 2000:A690; 2000:A994; 2000:S626; 1998:A392; 1998:S915; 1994:A849; 1994:S271; 1992:A2553; 1992:S1297
Status: 01/13/2004 – Assembly Health and Human Services Committee
History: 01/13/2004 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Health and Human Services Committee.
Position: Oppose
Notes: 3-17-04 Oppose per Dave Mordo on the grounds that it allows coverage for "experimental" treatment w

Bill: **A947 Acs (ACS)**
Sponsors: Prieto (D32); Cohen (D20); Rumpf (R9); Connors, C. (R9) +4
Summary: Requires that chiropractic physicians, podiatric physicians, allopathic physicians, and osteopathic physicians be paid the same rate as other health care providers under various health and accident plans.
Related: 2004:S1690; 2002:A1019; 2002:S2815; 2000:A1883; 1998:A411; 1996:A2955
Status: 05/27/2004 – 2nd reading in the Assembly
History: 01/13/2004 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.
05/13/2004 – Reported out of committee with committee substitute, referred to Assembly Appropriation
05/27/2004 – Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Assembly.
Position: Oppose

Bill: **A1080 Aca (1R)**
Sponsors: Cryan (D20); Barnes (D18); Chiappone (D31) +2
Summary: "New Jersey Identity Theft Prevention Act".
Status: 10/04/2004 – Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
History: 01/13/2004 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Consumer Affairs.
10/04/2004 – Reported out of committee with committee amendments, referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.
Position: Monitor
Notes: 5-16-04 Monitor per Dave Mordo.

Bill: **A1104**
Sponsors: Corodemus (R11)
Summary: Requires HMOs and small employer health benefits plans that cover routine foot care to permit podiatric physicians to provide such services.
Related: 2002:A1369; 2000:A1205; 1998:A1400; 1996:A2905
Status: 01/13/2004 – Assembly Health and Human Services Committee
History: 01/13/2004 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Health and Human Services Committee.
Position: Monitor

Bill: **A1106**
Sponsors: Corodemus (R11)
Summary: Defines routine foot care services under an insurance policy.
Related: 2004:S692; 2002:A1371; 2002:S2715; 2000:A1941; 2000:S787
Status: 01/13/2004 – Assembly Health and Human Services Committee
History: 01/13/2004 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Health and Human Services Committee.
Position: Monitor

Bill: **A1181**
Sponsors: Quigley (D32); Impreveduto (D32) +2
Summary: Provides gross income tax deduction for health care plan costs.
Related: 2004:S2165; 2002:A1118; 2000:A599; 1998:A1041; 1996:A355; 1994:A3165
Status: 01/13/2004 – Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
History: 01/13/2004 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.
Position: Support
Notes: 1-7-05 Support per Jack Kalosy.

Bill: **A1520**
Sponsors: Conaway (D7)
Summary: Requires health insurers to cover costs of tobacco use cessation services.
Related: 2002:A3855
Status: 01/13/2004 – Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
History: 01/13/2004 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.
Position: Oppose
Notes: 2-16-04 Oppose per Dave Mordo

Bill: **A1522**
Sponsors: Conaway (D7)
Summary: Prevents managed care plan from denying coverage for certain health care services provided to covered covered person did not present referral to provider who performed services.
Related: 2002:A3913
Status: 01/13/2004 – Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
History: 01/13/2004 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.
Position: Monitor
Comments: 12-14-03 Added as monitor per Dave Mordo.

Bill: **A1574**
Sponsors: Pou (D35); Steele (D35)
Summary: Requires health insurers, Medicaid and NJ FamilyCare to provide coverage for comprehensive program and swallowing services.
Related: 2004:S528; 2002:A3146; 2002:S2200
Status: 01/13/2004 – Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
History: 01/13/2004 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.
Position: Monitor

Bill: **A1593 Acs (ACS)**
Sponsors: Burzichelli (D3); Van Drew (D1); Fisher (D3); Johnson (D37); Cohen (D20); Scalera (D36); Diegnan
Summary: Establishes New Jersey Rx Program to reduce prescription drug prices.
Related: 2004:S590; 2002:A3873; 2002:S2752
Status: 06/14/2004 – Assembly Appropriations Committee
History: 01/13/2004 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Health and Human Services Committee.
 06/14/2004 – Reported out of committee with committee substitute, referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee.
Position: Monitor
Comments: 11-28-03 Added as monitor per Dennis Cuccinelli.
 12-13-03 Added as monitor per Dave Mordo.

Bill: **A1883**
Sponsors: Oliver (D34); Chiappone (D31) +2
Summary: Prohibits hospital from denying admission or services to patient based on patient's HMO coverage, and cover legitimate emergency health care.
Related: 2002:A1715; 2002:S537; 2000:A131; 2000:S750; 1998:A3429
Status: 01/22/2004 – Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
History: 01/22/2004 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.
Position: Monitor

Bill: **A1911 Aca (1R)**
Sponsors: Weinberg (D37); Manzo (D31) +3
Summary: Requires health care providers to offer parents of infants option to screen for disorders for which State screening.
Related: 2004:S840; 2002:A3875
Status: 05/05/2004 – Bill or Resolution Signed by the Governor
History: 01/22/2004 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Health and Human Services Committee. Reported out of committee amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.
 02/05/2004 – Passed in Assembly 76-0-0.
 02/09/2004 – Received in Senate and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.
 03/01/2004 – Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Senate.
 03/22/2004 – Substituted for S-840. Passed in Senate and sent to Governor 39-0.
 05/05/2004 – Signed by the Governor P.L.2004, c.12.
Position: Monitor
Comments: 1-22-04 Added per Dave Mordo.

Bill: **A1913 AcaAaAaAa (4R)**
Sponsors: Weinberg (D37); Vandervalk (R39); Gordon (D38) +1
Summary: Establishes Health Care Professional Regulation Study Commission and requires certain State professions to take certain actions.
Related: 2002:A3985
Status: 03/22/2004 – Senate Commerce Committee
History: 01/22/2004 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Health and Human Services Committee. Reported out of committee amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.
 02/05/2004 – Amended on Assembly floor, 2nd reading in Assembly (Weinberg).
 02/23/2004 – Amended on Assembly floor, 2nd reading in Assembly (Weinberg).
 03/11/2004 – Amended on Assembly floor, 2nd reading in Assembly (Weinberg).
 03/15/2004 – Passed in Assembly 77-2-0.
 03/22/2004 – Received in Senate and referred to Senate Commerce Committee.
Position: Monitor
Notes: 1-22-04 Added per Dave Mordo.

Bill: **A1914 Aca (1R)**
Sponsors: Weinberg (D37); Cohen (D20); Previte (D6)
Summary: Requires small employer health insurance carriers to offer coverage for treatment of infertility.
Related: 2004:S2105
Status: 03/22/2004 – Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
History: 01/22/2004 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Health and Human Services Committee. Reported out of committee amendments, referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.
 02/09/2004 – Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Assembly.
 03/15/2004 – Passed in Assembly 72-6-1.
 03/22/2004 – Received in Senate and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.
Position: Oppose
Notes: 9-9-04 Legislative Committee has made this a priority, position paper to be drafted.

Bill: **A1954**
Sponsors: Van Drew (D1)
Summary: Prohibits insurer offering managed care plan from denying participation in its network to a health care provider under its contract terms.
Related: 2002:A3878
Status: 01/26/2004 – Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
History: 01/26/2004 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.
Position: Monitor
Comments: 12-14-03 Added as monitor per Dave Mordo.

Bill: **A1986 AcaSca (2R)**
Sponsors: Weinberg (D37); Gordon (D38); Manzo (D31); Cohen (D20) +1
Summary: Establishes "New Jersey Health Care Access Study Commission."
Related: 2004:S1908
Status: 02/28/2005 – 2nd reading in the Senate
History: 01/26/2004 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Health and Human Services Committee.
 02/09/2004 – Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.
 03/11/2004 – Passed in Assembly 74-5-0.
 03/22/2004 – Received in Senate and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens C
 02/28/2005 – Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate.
Position: Oppose
Notes: 2-16-04 Oppose per Dave Mordo

Bill: **A2006**
Sponsors: Weinberg (D37); Cohen (D20) +1
Summary: Establishes voluntary Statewide joint purchasing alliance for persons covered by individual health ben
Related: 2002:A3621
Status: 02/07/2005 – 2nd reading in the Assembly
History: 01/26/2004 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.
 02/07/2005 – Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Assembly.
Position: Oppose
Notes: Oppose per Jack Kalosy on 6-10-03

Bill: **A2014**
Sponsors: Cryan (D20); Chiappone (D31)
Summary: Requires health insurance coverage for hair headpieces for patients receiving chemotherapy treatment
Related: 2004:S508; 2002:A637; 2002:S392; 2000:A3280; 2000:S1741
Status: 02/05/2004 – Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
History: 02/05/2004 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.
Position: Oppose
Notes: 2-16-04 Oppose per Dave Mordo

Bill: **A2088 AcaAa (2R)**
Sponsors: Caraballo (D29); Vas (D19); Cruz-Perez (D5) +2
Summary: Clarifies that advertisements by licensed professionals are subject to the Consumer Fraud Act.
Related: 2004:S1972
Status: 04/29/2004 – Senate Commerce Committee
History: 02/09/2004 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Consumer Affairs.
 02/26/2004 – Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.
 03/11/2004 – Amended on Assembly floor, 2nd reading in Assembly (Caraballo).
 03/15/2004 – Passed in Assembly 78-1-0.
 03/22/2004 – Received in Senate w/o committee reference, 2nd reading in Senate.
 04/29/2004 – Referred to Senate Commerce Committee.

Position: Oppose

Bill: **A2116 Aca (1R)**
Sponsors: Cohen (D20); Manzo (D31)
Summary: Requires managed care carriers to provide certain health care providers with fee schedules.
Related: 2004:S1314; 2002:A2926; 2002:S317; 2000:A3952; 2000:S1735
Status: 02/24/2005 – Substituted by another bill
History: 02/09/2004 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.
 01/10/2005 – Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.
 02/24/2005 – Substituted by S-1314 (3R).

Position: Monitor

Bill: **A2117 Aca (1R)**
Sponsors: Cohen (D20); Weinberg (D37) +1
Summary: Provides for continued health benefits coverage for certain persons covered under small employer health insurance under certain circumstances.
Related: 2004:S963; 2002:A3968; 2002:S2073
Status: 10/07/2004 – Substituted by another bill
History: 02/09/2004 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.
 05/13/2004 – Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.
 10/07/2004 – Substituted by S-963 (1R).

Position: Support

Notes: 12-14-03 Monitor per Dave Mordo.
 2-16-04 Change position from monitor to support per Dave Mordo.
 9-9-04 Legislative Committee has made this a priority, position paper to be drafted.

Comments: 12-14-03 Monitor per Dave Mordo.

Bill: **A2162**
Sponsors: Gusciora (D15); Manzo (D31)
Summary: Requires health insurers to cover Hepatitis B vaccination costs.
Related: 2004:S686; 2002:A300; 2002:S498; 2000:A3530; 2000:S2413
Status: 02/09/2004 – Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
History: 02/09/2004 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.
Position: Oppose
Notes: 2-16-04 Oppose per Dave Mordo

Bill: **A2168**
Sponsors: Diegnan (D18); Vas (D19); Manzo (D31) +1
Summary: Requires insurance coverage for magnetic resonance imaging for women at high risk for breast cancer.
Related: 2002:A4051
Status: 02/09/2004 – Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
History: 02/09/2004 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.
Position: Support
Notes: 2-16-04 Change position from monitor to support per Dave Mordo

Bill: **A2214 Aca (1R)**
Sponsors: Weinberg (D37); Manzo (D31); Gordon (D38) +1
Summary: "Patient Safety Act"; establishes medical error reporting system.
Related: 2004:S557; 2002:A3983; 2002:S2793
Status: 03/15/2004 – Substituted by another bill
History: 02/09/2004 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Health and Human Services Committee.
 03/04/2004 – Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.
 03/15/2004 – Substituted by S-557 (SCS/1R).
Position: Support
Notes: 2-16-04 Support per Dave Mordo

Bill: **A2220**
Sponsors: Dancer (R30); Malone (R30)
Summary: Requires health insurers to provide coverage for hearing aids.
Related: 2004:S218; 2002:A2276; 2002:S864
Status: 02/09/2004 – Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
History: 02/09/2004 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.
Position: Monitor
Notes: 2-16-04 Support per Dave Mordo
 2-19-04 Change to monitor per Jack Kalosy

Bill: **A2260**
Sponsors: Wisniewski (D19); Conaway (D7) +1
Summary: Requires health insurers to cover well baby visits during the first two years of life.
Related: 2004:S688; 2002:A374; 2002:S2095; 2000:A1692; 1998:A1939
Status: 02/09/2004 – Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
History: 02/09/2004 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.
Position: Support

Bill: **A2261 Sca (1R)**
Sponsors: Voss (D38); Greenstein (D14); Weinberg (D37); Roberts (D5); Cohen (D20) +20
Summary: Requires insurers and SHBP to cover mammograms for women under 40 under certain circumstances.
Related: 2004:S862; 2004:S1530
Status: 07/07/2004 – Bill or Resolution Signed by the Governor
History: 02/09/2004 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.
 02/26/2004 – Reported out of committee, referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee.
 03/04/2004 – Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Assembly.
 03/11/2004 – Passed in Assembly 79-0-0.
 03/22/2004 – Received in Senate and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens C
 06/07/2004 – Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate.
 06/17/2004 – Substituted for S-862/S-1409/S-1530 (SCS). Passed in Senate 39-0. Received in Assembl
 Assembly to concur with Senate amendments.
 06/24/2004 – Passed in Assembly and sent to Governor 77-0-0.
 07/07/2004 – Signed by the Governor P.L.2004, c.86.
Position: Support
Notes: 2-16-04 Support per Dave Mordo

Bill: **A2292**
Sponsors: Conaway (D7)
Summary: Authorizes insurance coverage in a divorce action to continue regardless of whether custody is at issue.
Related: 2002:A3912
Status: 02/09/2004 – Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
History: 02/09/2004 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.
Position: Monitor
Comments: 12-14-03 Added as monitor per Dave Mordo.

Bill: **A2359**
Sponsors: Prieto (D32); Cohen (D20)
Summary: Requires that chiropractic physicians, podiatric physicians, allopathic physicians, and osteopathic physici
 same rate under various health and accident plans.
Status: 05/13/2004 – Combined with another bill
History: 02/23/2004 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.
 05/13/2004 – Combined with A-947 (ACS).
Position: Oppose

Bill: **A2580**
Sponsors: Weinberg (D37); Johnson (D37); Manzo (D31)
Summary: Establishes NJ-COBRA and provides for continuation of coverage in small employer and larger group unlimited period of time to qualified persons.
Status: 03/15/2004 – Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
History: 03/15/2004 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.
Position: Oppose
Notes: 3-17-04 Oppose actively per Jack Kalosy.
 9-9-04 Legislative Committee has made this a priority, position paper to be drafted.

Bill: **A2675**
Sponsors: Manzo (D31)
Summary: Prohibits HMO from imposing certain restrictions regarding provision of health care services to enrollees.
Related: 2004:S882; 2002:A909; 2002:S962; 2000:A288; 2000:S899; 1998:A326; 1998:S734; 1996:A2499
Status: 05/06/2004 – Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
History: 05/06/2004 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.
Position: Monitor

Bill: **A2816**
Sponsors: Weinberg (D37); Greenwald (D6)
Summary: Requires binding arbitration in contract disputes between hospitals and health insurance carriers.
Status: 05/13/2004 – Assembly Health and Human Services Committee
History: 05/13/2004 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Health and Human Services Committee.
Position: Monitor

Bill: **A3379**
Sponsors: Cohen (D20); Voss (D38) +1
Summary: Credits coverage under Medicaid and NJ FamilyCare towards employer's minimum participation rate under Health Benefits Program.
Related: 2004:S1912
Status: 02/07/2005 – 2nd reading in the Assembly
History: 10/18/2004 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.
 02/07/2005 – Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Assembly.
Position: Support
Notes: 10-7-04 Support per Jack Kalosy.

Bill: **A3439 AcaAa (2R)**
Sponsors: Cohen (D20) +1
Summary: Prohibits participating providers under managed care plans from charging certain fees; establishes pen
Related: 2004:S1171; 2002:S2687
Status: 02/24/2005 – 2nd reading in the Assembly
History: 10/25/2004 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.
 02/07/2005 – Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.
 02/24/2005 – Amended on Assembly floor, 2nd reading in Assembly (Cohen).
Position: Support
Notes: 2-28-05 Support per Jack Kalosy.

Bill: **A3440**
Sponsors: Cohen (D20)
Summary: Provides for establishment of health savings accounts.
Related: 2004:S2435
Status: 10/25/2004 – Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
History: 10/25/2004 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.
Position: Support
Notes: 10-25-04 Support per Dave Mordo.

Bill: **A3496**
Sponsors: Cohen (D20)
Summary: "Health and Dental Claims Authorization, Processing and Payment Act."
Related: 2002:A1890
Status: 11/08/2004 – Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
History: 11/08/2004 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.
Position: Oppose

Bill: **A3583**
Sponsors: Russo (R40); Cohen (D20)
Summary: Extends certain federal income tax advantages of individual health savings accounts to individual taxpa
 Jersey gross income tax.
Status: 12/09/2004 – Assembly Appropriations Committee
History: 12/09/2004 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee.
Position: Support
Notes: 12-15-04 Support per Jack Kalosy. Position paper prepared by J. Kalosy on file.

Bill: **A3719**
Sponsors: Diegnan (D18); Chivukula (D17) +2
Summary: Requires health insurance carriers to use standard explanation of benefits form.
Status: 02/07/2005 – 2nd reading in the Assembly
History: 01/13/2005 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.
 02/07/2005 – Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Assembly.
Position: Support
Notes: 1-23-05 Support per Dave Mordo.

Bill: **A3722**
Sponsors: Conaway (D7)
Summary: Defers expiration date of law permitting physicians and dentists to engage in joint negotiations with in
Status: 01/13/2005 – Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
History: 01/13/2005 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.
Position: Oppose
Notes: 1-23-05 Oppose per Dave Mordo.

Bill: **A3724 Aca (1R)**
Sponsors: Morgan (D12); Weinberg (D37); Gordon (D38); Wisniewski (D19); Voss (D38); Previte (D6) +30
Summary: "Family Health Care Coverage Act"; reestablishes NJ Family Care Program and expands eligibility for
 parents and adults without dependent children.
Related: 2004:S2236
Status: 02/07/2005 – Assembly Appropriations Committee
History: 01/13/2005 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Health and Human Services Committee.
 02/07/2005 – Reported out of committee with committee amendments, referred to Assembly Appropria
Position: Support
Notes: 1-25-05 Support per Jack Kalosy.

Bill: **A3759 Aa (1R)**
Sponsors: Cohen (D20); Johnson (D37); Weinberg (D37); Diegnan (D18) +1
Summary: Requires extension of health benefits coverage for certain dependents up to age 30.
Related: 2004:S2283
Status: 02/24/2005 – 2nd reading in the Assembly
History: 02/07/2005 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee. Re
 2nd reading in Assembly.
 02/24/2005 – Amended on Assembly floor, 2nd reading in Assembly (Cohen).
Scheduled: 04/15/2005 – Pension and Health Benefits Review Commission, 10:00a, 1st Floor Boardroom, Division
 Benefits, 50 West State Street, Trenton, NJ
Position: Oppose
Notes: 2-21-05 Oppose per Jack Kalosy.

Bill: **S107**
Sponsors: Inverso (R14); Singer (R30) +2
Summary: Requires coverage for certain nonprescription formulas under certain health benefits plans, including
Related: 2002:A2351; 2002:S1499
Status: 12/10/2004 – Senate State Government Committee
History: 01/13/2004 – Introduced and referred to Senate State Government Committee.
 12/10/2004 – Pension and Health Benefits Review Commission reviewed and recommended to not en
Position: Oppose
Notes: 11-12-04 Oppose per Dave Mordo.

Bill: **S218**
Sponsors: Singer (R30); Vitale (D19) +3
Summary: Requires health insurers to provide coverage for hearing aids.
Related: 2004:A2220; 2002:A2276; 2002:S864
Status: 01/13/2004 – Senate Commerce Committee
History: 01/13/2004 – Introduced and referred to Senate Commerce Committee.
Position: Support
Notes: 2-16-04 Support per Dave Mordo

Bill: **S370**
Sponsors: Turner (D15); Bucco (R25) +3
Summary: Provides for regulation of certain call center communications by Division of Consumer Affairs.
Related: 2004:A840; 2002:A3529; 2002:S2611
Status: 01/13/2004 – Senate Commerce Committee
History: 01/13/2004 – Introduced and referred to Senate Commerce Committee.
Position: Oppose

Bill: **S425**
Sponsors: Littell (R24)
Summary: Permits continued NJ FamilyCare eligibility for parent whose child turns 19 under certain circumstances
Related: 2004:A302; 2002:A3097; 2002:S2104
Status: 01/13/2004 – Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
History: 01/13/2004 – Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
Position: Monitor

Bill: **S508**
Sponsors: Sacco (D32); Karcher (D12) +4
Summary: Requires health insurance coverage for hair headpieces for patients receiving chemotherapy treatment
Related: 2004:A2014; 2002:A637; 2002:S392; 2000:A3280; 2000:S1741
Status: 01/13/2004 – Senate Commerce Committee
History: 01/13/2004 – Introduced and referred to Senate Commerce Committee.
Position: Oppose
Notes: 2-16-04 Oppose per Dave Mordo

Bill: **S528**
Sponsors: Girgenti (D35); Bucco (R25) +1
Summary: Requires health insurers, Medicaid and NJ FamilyCare to provide coverage for comprehensive program and swallowing services.
Related: 2004:A1574; 2002:A3146; 2002:S2200
Status: 01/13/2004 – Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
History: 01/13/2004 – Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
Position: Monitor

Bill: **S536**
Sponsors: Vitale (D19) +15
Summary: "Health Care Claims Payment Responsibility Act."
Related: 2002:A1778; 2002:S486; 2000:A1656; 2000:S370; 1998:A2626; 1998:S1455
Status: 01/13/2004 – Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
History: 01/13/2004 – Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
Position: Monitor

Bill: **S557 ScsAca (SCS/1R)**
Sponsors: Vitale (D19); Girgenti (D35); Weinberg (D37); Manzo (D31); Gordon (D38) +6
Summary: "Patient Safety Act"; establishes medical error reporting system.
Related: 2004:A2214; 2002:A3983; 2002:S2793
Status: 04/27/2004 – Bill or Resolution Signed by the Governor
History: 01/13/2004 – Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
 01/26/2004 – Reported out of committee with committee substitute, 2nd reading in Senate.
 02/23/2004 – Passed in Senate 39-0. Received in Assembly and referred to Assembly Health and Human Services Committee.
 03/04/2004 – Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.
 03/15/2004 – Substituted for A-2214 (1R). Passed in Assembly 78-0-1.
 03/22/2004 – Received in Senate, 2nd reading in Senate to concur with Assembly amendments.
 03/29/2004 – Passed in Senate and sent to Governor 36-0.
 04/27/2004 – Signed by the Governor P.L.2004, c.9.
Position: Support
Notes: 2-16-04 Support per Dave Mordo

Bill: **S686**
Sponsors: Vitale (D19)
Summary: Requires health insurers to cover Hepatitis B vaccination costs.
Related: 2004:A2162; 2002:A300; 2002:S498; 2000:A3530; 2000:S2413
Status: 01/26/2004 – Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
History: 01/26/2004 – Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
Position: Oppose
Notes: 2-16-04 Oppose per Dave Mordo

Bill: **S688**
Sponsors: Vitale (D19)
Summary: Requires health insurers to cover well baby visits during the first two years of life.
Related: 2004:A2260; 2002:A374; 2002:S2095; 2000:A1692; 1998:A1939
Status: 01/26/2004 – Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
History: 01/26/2004 – Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
Position: Support

Bill: **S840**
Sponsors: Vitale (D19); Sarlo (D36)
Summary: Requires health care providers to offer parents of infants option to screen for disorders for which State screening.
Related: 2004:A1911; 2002:A3875
Status: 03/22/2004 – Substituted by another bill
History: 02/05/2004 – Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
 03/01/2004 – Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Senate.
 03/22/2004 – Substituted by A-1911 (1R).
Position: Monitor

Bill: **S862 Scs (SCS)**
Sponsors: Karcher (D12); Codey (D27); Sarlo (D36); Buono (D18); Madden (D4) +3
Summary: Requires insurers and SHBP to cover mammograms for women under 40 under certain circumstances
Related: 2004:A2261; 2004:S1530
Status: 06/17/2004 – Substituted by another bill
History: 02/09/2004 – Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
 06/07/2004 – Reported out of committee with committee substitute, 2nd reading in Senate.
 06/17/2004 – Substituted by A-2261 (1R).
Position: Support
Notes: 2-16-04 Support per Dave Mordo

Bill: **S882**
Sponsors: Turner (D15)
Summary: Prohibits HMO from imposing certain restrictions regarding provision of health care services to enrollees.
Related: 2004:A2675; 2002:A909; 2002:S962; 2000:A288; 2000:S899; 1998:A326; 1998:S734; 1996:A2499
Status: 02/09/2004 – Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
History: 02/09/2004 – Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
Position: Monitor

Bill: **S963 Aca (1R)**
Sponsors: Singer (R30); Allen (R7); Cohen (D20); Weinberg (D37) +2
Summary: Provides for continued health benefits coverage for certain persons covered under small employer health plans under certain circumstances.
Related: 2004:A2117; 2002:A3968; 2002:S2073
Status: 12/07/2004 – Bill or Resolution Signed by the Governor
History: 02/09/2004 – Introduced and referred to Senate Commerce Committee.
03/08/2004 – Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Senate.
03/22/2004 – Passed in Senate 39-0.
05/03/2004 – Received in Assembly and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.
05/13/2004 – Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.
10/07/2004 – Substituted for A-2117 (1R). Passed in Assembly 77-0-0.
10/14/2004 – Received in Senate, 2nd reading in Senate to concur with Assembly amendments.
10/25/2004 – Passed in Senate and sent to Governor 38-0.
12/07/2004 – Signed by the Governor P.L.2004, c.162.
Position: Support
Notes: 9-9-04 Legislative Committee has made this a priority, position paper to be drafted.
Comments: 12-14-03 Monitor per Dave Mordo.

Bill: **S1171 Scs (SCS)**
Sponsors: Rice (D28); Vitale (D19)
Summary: Prohibits participating providers under managed care plans from charging certain fees; establishes penalties for non-compliance.
Related: 2004:A3439; 2002:S2687
Status: 10/04/2004 – 2nd reading in the Senate
History: 02/24/2004 – Introduced and referred to Senate Commerce Committee.
10/04/2004 – Reported out of committee with committee substitute, 2nd reading in Senate.
Position: Support
Notes: 2-28-05 Support per Jack Kalosy.

Bill: **S1202**
Sponsors: Bucco (R25)
Summary: Requires health insurers to provide coverage for prosthetic appliances obtained from any licensed pro
Related: 2002:S262; 2000:S1692
Status: 02/24/2004 – Senate Commerce Committee
History: 02/24/2004 – Introduced and referred to Senate Commerce Committee.
Position: Monitor
Notes: 3-2-04 Monitor per Jack Kalosy

Bill: **S1259 Sca (1R)**
Sponsors: Kean, T. (R21); Scutari (D22) +1
Summary: Provides that advertisements by persons licensed, registered, appointed or certified to practice profession
 subject to consumer fraud act.
Status: 04/29/2004 – Senate Commerce Committee
History: 02/24/2004 – Introduced and referred to Senate Commerce Committee.
 03/08/2004 – Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate.
 04/29/2004 – Referred to Senate Commerce Committee.
Position: Monitor

Bill: **S1300**
Sponsors: Buono (D18); Vitale (D19)
Summary: Revises health wellness insurance benefits.
Related: 2004:A296; 2002:A2412; 2002:S1746
Status: 03/08/2004 – Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
History: 03/08/2004 – Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
Position: Oppose
Notes: 3-17-04 Oppose per Jack Kalosy on the grounds that it increases benefits and removes the maximum c
 9-9-04 Legislative Committee has made this a priority, position paper to be drafted.

Bill: **S1308**
Sponsors: Buono (D18)
Summary: Requires health insurers to cover Lyme disease.
Related: 2004:A912; 2002:A984; 2002:A1328; 2000:A690; 2000:A994; 2000:S626; 1998:A392; 1998:S915; 19
 1994:A849; 1994:S271; 1992:A2553; 1992:S1297
Status: 03/08/2004 – Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
History: 03/08/2004 – Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
Position: Oppose
Notes: 3-17-04 Oppose per Dave Mordo on the grounds that it allows coverage for "experimental" treatment w

Bill: **S1314 ScaSaAcaAa (4R)**
Sponsors: Buono (D18); Cohen (D20); Manzo (D31) +1
Summary: Requires managed care carriers to provide certain health care providers with fee schedules.
Related: 2004:A2116; 2002:A2926; 2002:S317; 2000:A3952; 2000:S1735
Status: 02/24/2005 – 2nd reading in the Assembly
History: 03/08/2004 – Introduced and referred to Senate Commerce Committee.
 10/04/2004 – Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate.
 10/25/2004 – Amended on Senate floor, 2nd reading in Senate 32-0 (Buono).
 12/06/2004 – Passed in Senate 40-0.
 12/09/2004 – Received in Assembly and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance C
 01/10/2005 – Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.
 02/24/2005 – Substituted for A-2116 (1R). Amended on Assembly floor, 2nd reading in Assembly (C
Position: Monitor

Bill: **S1530**
Sponsors: Madden (D4); Sweeney (D3)
Summary: Requires health benefits coverage for annual mammograms for women under 40 under certain circum
Related: 2004:A2261; 2004:S862
Status: 06/07/2004 – Combined with another bill
History: 04/29/2004 – Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committe
 06/07/2004 – Combined with S-862/S-1409 (SCS).
Position: Support

Bill: **S1572**
Sponsors: Singer (R30)
Summary: Concerns rating systems for individual and small employer health benefits plans.
Status: 05/10/2004 – Senate Commerce Committee
History: 05/10/2004 – Introduced and referred to Senate Commerce Committee.
Position: Support
Notes: 5-11-04 Support per Jack Kalosy.
 9-9-04 Legislative Committee has made this a priority, position paper to be drafted.

Bill: **S1683**
Sponsors: Vitale (D19)
Summary: Requires SHBP and health insurers providing dependent coverage to cover unmarried dependent child
 birthday.
Status: 09/17/2004 – Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
History: 06/10/2004 – Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committe
 09/17/2004 – Pension and Health Benefits Review Commission reviewed and recommended to not ena
Position: Oppose
Notes: 6-16-04 Oppose per Jack Kalosy.
 9-9-04 Legislative Committee has made this a priority, position paper to be drafted.

Bill: **S1690 Sca (1R)**
Sponsors: Kavanaugh (R16); Baer (D37) +1
Summary: Requires that chiropractic physicians, podiatric physicians, allopathic physicians, osteopathic physicians health care providers be reimbursed at same rate for the same service.
Related: 2004:A947; 2002:A1019; 2002:S2815; 2000:A1883; 1998:A411; 1996:A2955
Status: 03/07/2005 – Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee
History: 06/14/2004 – Introduced and referred to Senate Commerce Committee.
 03/07/2005 – Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate. Referred Appropriations Committee.
Position: Oppose

Bill: **S1908 Sca (1R)**
Sponsors: Kean, T. (R21); Adler (D6)
Summary: Establishes "New Jersey Health Care Access Study Commission."
Related: 2004:A1986
Status: 02/28/2005 – 2nd reading in the Senate
History: 10/04/2004 – Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
 02/28/2005 – Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate.
Position: Oppose
Notes: 2-16-04 Oppose per Dave Mordo

Bill: **S1912**
Sponsors: Vitale (D19); Sweeney (D3) +2
Summary: Credits coverage under Medicaid and NJ FamilyCare towards employer's minimum participation rate under Health Benefits Program.
Related: 2004:A3379
Status: 02/07/2005 – 2nd reading in the Assembly
History: 10/04/2004 – Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
 10/14/2004 – Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Senate.
 12/06/2004 – Passed in Senate 40-0.
 12/09/2004 – Received in Assembly and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
 02/07/2005 – Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Assembly.
Position: Support
Notes: 10-7-04 Support per Jack Kalosy.

Bill: **S1972**
Sponsors: Scutari (D22)
Summary: Clarifies that advertisements by licensed professionals are subject to the Consumer Fraud Act.
Related: 2004:A2088
Status: 10/18/2004 – Senate Commerce Committee
History: 10/18/2004 – Introduced and referred to Senate Commerce Committee.
Position: Oppose

Bill: **S2105**
Sponsors: Karcher (D12)
Summary: Requires small employer health insurance carriers to offer coverage for treatment of infertility.
Related: 2004:A1914
Status: 12/06/2004 – Senate Commerce Committee
History: 12/06/2004 – Introduced and referred to Senate Commerce Committee.
Position: Oppose
Notes: 1-25-05 Oppose per Dave Mordo.

Bill: **S2164**
Sponsors: Adler (D6)
Summary: Provides gross income tax credit for certain small business employers that provide health care benefits.
Related: 2004:A746; 2002:A1681; 2000:A1096; 2000:S2734; 1998:A266; 1996:A1147; 1994:A1038; 1992:A1037
Status: 12/13/2004 – Senate Commerce Committee
History: 12/13/2004 – Introduced and referred to Senate Commerce Committee.
Position: Support
Notes: 1-7-05 Support per Jack Kalosy.

Bill: **S2165**
Sponsors: Adler (D6)
Summary: Provides gross income tax deduction for health care plan costs.
Related: 2004:A1181; 2002:A1118; 2000:A599; 1998:A1041; 1996:A355; 1994:A3165
Status: 12/13/2004 – Senate Commerce Committee
History: 12/13/2004 – Introduced and referred to Senate Commerce Committee.
Position: Support
Notes: 1-7-05 Support per Jack Kalosy.

Bill: **S2166**
Sponsors: Adler (D6)
Summary: Provides tax credit for certain taxpayers that provide health care benefits to employees.
Related: 2004:A747; 2002:A1687; 2000:A1095; 2000:S2735; 1998:A265; 1996:A1146; 1994:A1037; 1992:A1037
Status: 12/13/2004 – Senate Commerce Committee
History: 12/13/2004 – Introduced and referred to Senate Commerce Committee.
Position: Support
Notes: 1-7-05 Support per Jack Kalosy.

Bill: **S2236 Sca (1R)**
Sponsors: Vitale (D19); Buono (D18) +6
Summary: "Family Health Care Coverage Act"; reestablishes NJ Family Care Program and expands eligibility for M
 parents and adults without dependent children.
Related: 2004:A3724
Status: 01/24/2005 – Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee
History: 01/24/2005 – Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
 committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations
Position: Support
Notes: 1-25-05 Support per Jack Kalosy.

Bill: **S2283**
Sponsors: Gill (D34); Vitale (D19)
Summary: Requires extension of health benefits coverage for certain dependents up to age 30.
Related: 2004:A3759
Status: 01/31/2005 – Senate Commerce Committee
History: 01/31/2005 – Introduced and referred to Senate Commerce Committee.
Scheduled: 04/15/2005 – Pension and Health Benefits Review Commission, 10:00a, 1st Floor Boardroom, Division
 Benefits, 50 West State Street, Trenton, NJ
Position: Oppose
Notes: 2-21-05 Oppose per Jack Kalosy.

Bill: **S2435**
Sponsors: Kean, T. (R21)
Summary: Provides for establishment of health savings accounts.
Related: 2004:A3440
Status: 03/21/2005 – Senate Commerce Committee
History: 03/21/2005 – Introduced and referred to Senate Commerce Committee.
Position: Support
Notes: Support per our position on the Assembly version.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack Kalosy

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