



Date: February 16, 2004
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Subject: February Legislative Report

- 1 Details on the PAC
 - We need additional Fundraisers for the PAC.
 - We received a \$2,000 HIAPAC donation from the South Jersey Chapter! Thanks again for your generosity.
 - The HIAPAC lapel pins for our PAC have been delivered and are ready for distribution. The North Jersey Chapter paid for the 300 pins.
- 2 Current Legislative Environment
 - S-2073 "Mini COBRA" provides for continued health benefits coverage for certain persons covered under small employer health benefits plans in certain circumstances. The association supports this bill. While this will get it out of the Senate it is unclear if it will get through the Assembly in time. We will continue to push for its passage.
 - The Assembly Health and Human Services Committee had a hearing on February 10, 2004 in Camden County. The Hearing went into a dispute between the New Jersey's largest public health insurer and one hospital. Horizon BCBS New Jersey is in the midst of a public battle with Cooper Health System in Camden. This hearing represents an unwarranted legislative intrusion into negotiations between two private parties.
 - We have had some great success with Operation Shout during the last month! We had 130 letters going out to legislators on our first email action alert asking brokers to invite their State Legislators to our Storming the Statehouse event on February 23rd 2004. We had over 82 messages sent in a 12-hour period "protesting" the Assembly Health Committee hearing on Hospital Contract negotiations (listed above).
 - The "Adopt a Legislator" Program is being implemented by Dave Mordo. Please contact Dave and volunteer to work with your State or Federal Legislator.
 - Our next Legislative Management Team will be combined with our "Storming the Statehouse" event. We have scheduled the event for February 23, 2004 at Thomas Edison State College in Trenton, NJ.
 - We had 59 bills on our 2002 – 2003 Bill Tracking List. Seven of the bills passed and were signed into law. We had NO bills signed into law that we opposed! Four of the bills that we monitored but had no position on were signed into law. Three bills we supported were signed into law.
3. Legislative Meeting Reports:
 - The South Jersey Chapter held it's annual Legislative Panel Discussion on Tuesday January 27th, 2004 at 8:45AM in the Enterprise Center at Burlington County College on Route 38. In spite of the weather the event was a tremendous success! They had close to 100 members present and a member of the press was there as well. In attendance were, Senator Martha Bark (Republican-8th district), Assemblyman Herb Conaway, MD (Democrat-7th district), Elizabeth Litten an Attorney representing

Hospitals and Health Plans, Don Sico President of HealthSense and Russ Bent our organizations Lobbyist. I filled in for Jim Stenger as the moderator of the event. We had a very lively discussion raging from rate ratios and the importance of expanding them to 3.5:1 to the new infertility bill working its way through the legislature.

- We had some very positive press during the last month. The Courier Post newspaper in Camden had a reporter at the South Jersey Legislative Panel (A big thank you to Doug Lubenow, SJAHU President for inviting her to the event!). The reporter wrote a very positive article on the importance of changing the rate bands to attract young people back into the marketplace. Amy Webb, NJ State AHU Secretary and I were quoted in the article. A copy of the article can be found at:

<http://www.courierpostonline.com/news/southjersey/m020304h.htm>

If you receive an error message, try the link below:

<http://www.southjerseynews.com/issues/february/m020304h.htm>

- We had some national press from The Heartland Institutes February 2004 issue of *Health Care News*. You can read the article here: The New Jersey Car Wreck

<http://www.heartland.org/Article.cfm?artId=14299>

- We have three members of our association that sit on the three Governors Task Forces on Healthcare. Tom Daniels, our State President, Dutch Vanderhoof, Our Northern Jersey Legislative Chair and Eileen Shrem, member of the Monmouth Ocean Chapter.

4. Important Legislative Issues to address this Quarter

- 3.5:1 rate ratios for the individual marketplace.
- Change the NJ Statutory Continuation to look like Federal COBRA.
- 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).
- Add Medicaid and Family Care as valid waivers under the NJ SEH plans.

5. Event planning

- Health Forum
- Capitol Conference - Dave needs a firm commitment from members planning on attending this year's. Please begin scheduling your meetings with your Representatives for the afternoon on either March 29th or March 30th, 2004. When your meetings are set please email Dave Mordo (davemordo@aol.com) with the details.
- Storming the Statehouse – We will be holding this important event on February 23, 2004 from 9 AM to 12:30 PM. We have 3 **key** legislators that have agreed to attend our event, Senators Singer (Republican member of the Senate Health Committee) and Vitale (Democratic Chairman of the Senate Health Committee) and Assembly Majority Leader Joseph Roberts.

**This is the list of bills that the NJAHU Legislative team is tracking.
Health Underwriters Bill Tracking list (2002-2003)**

Health Underwriters (2004-2005)

Bill: A162

Oliver (D34)

Sponsors

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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.
Health Underwriters

Category

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Bill: A237

Gregg (R24); O'Toole (R40) +9

Sponsor

s:

Summary Allows certain self-employed business owners to deduct their own pension plan contributions from gross income under the gross income tax.

2002:A1593; 2002:S367; 2000:A3395; 2000:S1666; 2000:S1823

Related

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Status: 01/13/2004 - Assembly Commerce and Economic Development

01/13/2004 - Introduced and referred to Assembly Commerce and Economic Development.

History

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Monitor

Position:

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Bill: A302

Vandervalk (R39)

Sponsors

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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.

Monitor

Position

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Bill: A326

Weinberg (D37); Quigley (D32) +3

Sponsor**s:****Summary:** Provides procedures for payment to out-of-network dentists when covered person receives payment directly from dental insurer.

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Related: 2002:A1897; 2002:S1409; 2000:A2168; 2000:S1290; 1998:A1658; 1998:S772; 1996:A2810; 1996:S1915

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Status: 01/22/2004 - Withdrawn from the files

01/13/2004 - Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial

History: Institutions and Insurance Committee.

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01/22/2004 - Withdrawn from the files.

Monitor

Position**n:**

Bill: A333

Weinberg (D37); Johnson (D37); Previte (D6) +8

Sponso**rs:**

Revises statutory mental health coverage requirements and requires all health insurers to cover alcohol and drug addiction treatment under same terms and conditions as for other diseases or illnesses. 2002:A2487; 2002:S1633

Summar**y:****Relate****d:**

01/13/2004 - Assembly Health and Human Services Committee

Status**:**

01/13/2004 - Introduced and referred to Assembly Health and Human Services Committee.

Histor**y:**

Monitor

Positi**on:****Bill: A336**

Weinberg (D37); Quigley (D32); Manzo (D31) +2

Sponsor**s:**

Provides in-network benefits to patient with disability for services provided by out-of-network provider under certain circumstance.

Summary**:**

2002:A2759; 2002:S1919

Related**:****Status:** 02/09/2004 - 2nd reading in the Assembly

01/13/2004 - Introduced and referred to Assembly Health and Human

History**:**

02/09/2004 - Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Assembly.

Support

Positio**n:**

Bill: A340**Sponsors:** Weinberg (D37); Conaway (D7) +1**Summary:** Establishes voluntary Statewide physician joint purchasing alliance.**Related:** 2002:A3157; 2002:S2266**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**Bill: A637**

Stender (D22)

Sponsors

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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.

Oppose

Position

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Bill: A717

Bodine (R8); Chatzidakis (R8)

Sponsors

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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.

Bill: A947

Rumpf (R9); Connors, C. (R9) +4

Sponsors

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Summary: Requires that chiropractors and physicians be reimbursed at same rate under various health and accident plans.**Related:** 2002:A1019; 2002:S2815; 2000:A1883; 1998:A411; 1996:A2955**Status:** 01/13/2004 - Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee**History:** 01/13/2004 - Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.
Oppose**Position**

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Health Underwriters

Category

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Bill: A1104

Corodemus (R11)

Sponsor**s:****Summary:** Requires HMOs and small employer health benefits plans that cover routine foot care to permit podiatric physicians to provide such services.

2002:A1369; 2000:A1205; 1998:A1400; 1996:A2905

Related

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Status: 01/13/2004 - Assembly Health and Human Services Committee

01/13/2004 - Introduced and referred to Assembly Health and Human Services Committee.

History:

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Monitor

Position**n:****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: A1520

Conaway (D7)

Sponsors

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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.
Oppose**Position**

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Bill: A1522

Conaway (D7)

Sponso**rs:****Summary:** Prevents managed care plan from denying coverage for certain health care services provided to covered person solely because covered person did not present referral to provider who performed services.
2002:A3913**Relate****d:****Status:** 01/13/2004 - Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee

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History: 01/13/2004 - Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.**y:**

Monitor

Positi**on:**

Bill: A1574

Pou (D35); Steele (D35)

Sponsors:

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Requires health insurers, Medicaid and NJ FamilyCare to provide coverage for comprehensive program of pediatric feeding and swallowing services.

Summary:

2004:S528; 2002:A3146; 2002:S2200

Related:

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Status: 01/13/2004 - Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee

01/13/2004 - Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial

History: Institutions and Insurance Committee.

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Monitor

Position:

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Bill: A1593

Sponsors: Burzichelli (D3); Fisher (D3); Johnson (D37); Cohen (D20) +1

Summary: Establishes New Jersey Rx Program to reduce prescription drug prices.

Related: 2004:S590; 2002:A3873; 2002:S2752

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: A1834

Green (D22); Cryan (D20) +14

Sponsors:

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Requires health care facilities to report certain information about their health care staff to their respective professional boards or DHSS.

Summary:

2004:S649; 2002:A4054; 2002:S2851

Related:

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Status: 01/22/2004 - Assembly Health and Human Services Committee

01/22/2004 - Introduced and referred to Assembly Health and Human

History: Services Committee.

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Monitor

Position:

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Bill: A1883

Oliver (D34)

Sponsor**s:**

Prohibits hospital from denying admission or services to patient based on patient's HMO coverage, and requires HMO's to cover legitimate emergency health care.

Summary

2002:A1715; 2002:S537; 2000:A131; 2000:S750; 1998:A3429

Related**:**

Status: 01/22/2004 - Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee

01/22/2004 - Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial

History Institutions and Insurance Committee.

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Monitor

Position:**n:****Bill: A1911 Aca (1R)**

Weinberg (D37); Manzo (D31) +1

Sponsor**s:**

Requires health care providers to offer parents of infants option to screen for disorders for which State does not require screening.

Summary**:**

2004:S840; 2002:A3875

Related**:**

Status: 02/09/2004 - Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee

01/22/2004 - Introduced and referred to Assembly Health and Human

History Services Committee. Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.

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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.

Monitor

Position:**n:**

Bill: A1913 AcaAa (2R)

Weinberg (D37); Vandervalk (R39); Gordon (D38)

Sponsor**s:**

Establishes Health Care Professional Regulation Study Commission and requires certain State professional licensing boards to take certain actions.

Summary

2002:A3985

Related**:**

Status: 02/05/2004 - 2nd reading in the Assembly

01/22/2004 - Introduced and referred to Assembly Health and Human

History Services Committee. Reported out of committee with committee

: amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.

02/05/2004 - Amended on Assembly floor, 2nd reading in Assembly (Weinberg).

Monitor

Position:**n:****Bill: A1914 Aca (1R)**

Weinberg (D37); Cohen (D20)

Sponsor**rs:**

Requires small employer health insurance carriers to offer coverage for treatment of infertility.

Summary**y:**

02/09/2004 - 2nd reading in the Assembly

Status**:**

01/22/2004 - Introduced and referred to Assembly Health and Human

History Services Committee. Reported out of committee with committee

y: amendments, referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.

02/09/2004 - Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Assembly.

Monitor

Position:**on:**

Bill: A1954

Van Drew (D1)

Sponsor

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Prohibits insurer offering managed care plan from denying

Summary participation in its network to a health care provider willing to
: meet its contract terms.

2002:A3878

Related

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Status: 01/26/2004 - Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance
Committee

01/26/2004 - Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial

History Institutions and Insurance Committee.

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Monitor

Position

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Bill: A1986 Aca (1R)**Sponsors:** Weinberg (D37); Gordon (D38) +1**Summary:** Establishes "New Jersey Health Care Access Study Commission."**Status:** 02/09/2004 - 2nd reading in the Assembly**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.**Position:** Oppose**Bill: A2006**

Weinberg (D37)

Sponsors

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Summary: Establishes voluntary Statewide joint purchasing alliance for
persons covered by individual health benefits plans.**Related:** 2002:A3621**Status:** 01/26/2004 - Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance
Committee**History:** 01/26/2004 - Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial
Institutions and Insurance Committee.

Oppose

Position

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Bill: A2014

Cryan (D20)

Sponsor

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Requires health insurance coverage for hair headpieces for patients receiving chemotherapy treatment for cancer.

Summary

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2004:S508; 2002:A637; 2002:S392; 2000:A3280; 2000:S1741

Related

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Status: 02/05/2004 - Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee

02/05/2004 - Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial

History

Institutions and Insurance Committee.

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Oppose

Position

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Bill: A2116

Cohen (D20)

Sponsors

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Summary: Requires managed care carriers to provide certain physicians with fee schedules.

Related: 2002:A2926; 2002:S317; 2000:A3952; 2000:S1735

Status: 02/09/2004 - Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee

History: 02/09/2004 - Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.

Monitor

Position

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Bill: A2117

Cohen (D20)

Sponsor

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Provides for continued health benefits coverage for certain

Summary persons covered under small employer health benefits plans in
: certain circumstances.

2004:S963; 2002:A3968; 2002:S2073

Related

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Status: 02/09/2004 - Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance
Committee

02/09/2004 - Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial

History Institutions and Insurance Committee.

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Support

Position

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Bill: A2162

Gusciora (D15)

Sponsors

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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.

Oppose

Position

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Bill: A2168

Diegnan (D18); Vas (D19) +1

Sponsors

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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.
Support**Position**

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Bill: A2214**Sponsors:** Weinberg (D37); Manzo (D31)**Summary:** "Patient Safety Act"; establishes medical error reporting system.**Related:** 2004:S557; 2002:A3983; 2002:S2793**Status:** 02/09/2004 - Assembly Health and Human Services Committee**History:** 02/09/2004 - Introduced and referred to Assembly Health and Human Services Committee.**Position:** Support**Bill: A2220**

Dancer (R30); Malone (R30)

Sponsors

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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.
Support**Position**

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Bill: A2260

Wisniewski (D19); Conaway (D7)

Sponsors

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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.
Support**Position**

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Bill: A2261

Voss (D38); Greenstein (D14); Weinberg (D37); Roberts (D5)

Sponsors

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Summary: Requires health benefits coverage for annual mammograms for women under 40 under certain circumstances.**Status:** 02/09/2004 - Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee**History:** 02/09/2004 - Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.
Support**Position**

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Bill: A2292

Conaway (D7)

Sponsors

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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.
Monitor**Position**

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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

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

Littell (R24)
Sponsors
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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.
Monitor
Position
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Bill: S508

Sacco (D32) +3

Sponsors

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Summary: Requires health insurance coverage for hair headpieces for patients receiving chemotherapy treatment for cancer.**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.

Oppose

Position

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Bill: S528

Girgenti (D35); Bucco (R25) +1

Sponsor**s:****Summary** Requires health insurers, Medicaid and NJ FamilyCare to provide coverage for comprehensive program of pediatric feeding and swallowing services.

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2004:A1574; 2002:A3146; 2002:S2200

Related

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Status: 01/13/2004 - Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee

01/13/2004 - Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human

History Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

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Monitor

Position**n:**

Bill: S536

Vitale (D19) +14

Sponsors

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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.
Monitor**Position**

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Health Underwriters

Category

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Bill: S552

Vitale (D19); Singer (R30)

Sponsors

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Summary: Requires Medicaid coverage of HIV drug resistance testing.**Related:** 2002:A1933; 2002:A2444; 2002:S2256**Status:** 01/26/2004 - Withdrawn from the files**History:** 01/13/2004 - Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human
Services and Senior Citizens Committee.
01/26/2004 - Withdrawn from the files.
Monitor**Position**

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Bill: S557 Scs (SCS)

Vitale (D19); Girgenti (D35) +4

Sponsors

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Summary: "Patient Safety Act"; establishes medical error reporting system.**Related:** 2004:A2214; 2002:A3983; 2002:S2793**Status:** 01/26/2004 - 2nd reading in the Senate**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.
Support**Position**

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Bill: S649

Kavanaugh (R16)

Sponsor

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Requires health care facilities to report certain information about their health care staff to their respective professional boards or DHSS.

Summary

2004:A1834; 2002:A4054; 2002:S2851

Related

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Status: 01/26/2004 - Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee

01/26/2004 - Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human

History Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

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Monitor

Position:

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Bill: S686

Vitale (D19)

Sponsors

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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.

Oppose

Position

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Bill: S688

Vitale (D19)

Sponsors

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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.
Support**Position**

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Bill: S862

Codey (D27); Karcher (D12) +1

Sponsors

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Summary: Requires insurers to cover mammograms for women under 40 under certain circumstances.**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.
Support**Position**

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Bill: S882

Turner (D15)

Sponsors

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Summary: Prohibits HMO from imposing certain restrictions regarding provision of health care services to enrollees.**Related:** 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.
Monitor**Position**

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Health Underwriters

Category

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Bill: S963

Singer (R30)

Sponsor**s:****Summary:** Provides for continued health benefits coverage for certain persons covered under small employer health benefits plans in certain circumstances.

2004:A2117; 2002:A3968; 2002:S2073

Related

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Status: 02/09/2004 - Senate Commerce Committee

02/09/2004 - Introduced and referred to Senate Commerce Committee.

History

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Monitor

Positio**n:**-----
Respectfully Submitted,

Jack Kalosy

NJ State Legislative Chair