



Date: October 19, 2004
To: NJ State NAHU Board
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Subject: October Legislative Report

1. Details on the PAC

- We need additional Fundraisers for the PAC.
- The HIAPAC lapel pins have been delivered and are ready for distribution. If you have donated more than \$100 to the PAC you are entitled to a pin.

2. Current Legislative Environment

- The NJ State Legislature is back in session. The Assembly went into session on September 13, 2004. The Senate was scheduled to go back into session on September 20, 2004 but because of the flooding in the state Capitol the first session will be on September 23, 2004.
- Governor McGreevey is still scheduled to resign from office on November 15th, 2004. Democratic Senate President, Richard Codey is scheduled to take over the office of Governor on November 15th, 2004.
- On October 7th, the Assembly passed S-963/A-2117. This legislation, which we support, provides for continued health benefits coverage for certain persons covered under small employer health benefits plans in certain circumstances. It passed the assembly by a vote of 77-0 and now goes to the Senate for a concurrence vote. After that it's on to the Governor for his consideration. We will keep you posted as to this important bill's progress.
- The Senate Health Committee was scheduled to consider S-1912 (Vitale) on Monday October 18th, which credits coverage under Medicaid and NJ FamilyCare towards employer's minimum participation rate under NJ Small Employer Health Benefits Program. The association is in support of this legislation.
- Assemblyman Cohen introduced a sweeping reform of the NJ Individual Insurance Market. The bill is A3359 "**LANDMARK LEGISLATION TO RESTRUCTURE NEW JERSEY'S HEALTH INSURANCE MARKET**". It is directed at Individual Insurance and changes the community rating to 2:1 in the individual market. Here are some excerpts from the press release that Assemblyman Cohen's office released on the bill:
 - ***"Current participants in the individual market would have their rates grandfathered, ensuring that seniors do not experience rate spikes."***
 - ***"* Consumers who purchase individual coverage and who have annual incomes below \$50,000 would be provided a tax credit equal to the cost of 10 percent of their premiums."***

Here is an excerpt from the bill summary:

"In order to eliminate any potential conflicts of interest and

streamline the process of issuing health benefits plans in New Jersey, the bill transfers the regulatory oversight of individual and small employer health benefits plans, with respect to the approval of policy contracts and forms and review of premium rate filings, from the New Jersey Individual Health Coverage (IHC) and Small Employer Health Benefits (SEH) Program Boards, to the commissioner. “The LMT will be developing a position paper on this bill within the next day or two. Our lobbyist has reached out to Assemblyman Cohen’s office to set up a meeting to discuss our concerns.

- Senator Singer has sponsored a bill (S-1572) the bill will allow 3.5:1 rate ratios in the Individual and SEH markets. We have reached out to Dr Morgan he is a Democratic member of the Assembly that has shown some interest in our bill. We are hopeful that we can push this bill to passage during the fall of 2004. This bill represents another major contribution by the NJAHU to improving consumers access to affordable Health Insurance.
- Your Legislative Management Team (LMT) completed a project where each Legislative Chair wrote a position paper on each of the critical Health related issues in the 2004-2005 NJ Legislative session. All seven position papers have been completed and will be distributed to our membership shortly.

3. Important Legislative Issues to address this Quarter

- **3.5:1-rate ratios for the Individual and Group 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.**

The next regular SEH meeting is scheduled for October 20th, 2004.

We are currently tracking 68 Bills!

**This is the list of bills that the NJAHU Legislative team is tracking.
Health Underwriters Bill Tracking list (2004-2005)**

Health Underwriters (2004-2005)

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Bill: **A162**

Sponsors Oliver (D34)

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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.

Bill: **A237**

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

rs:

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

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

d:

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

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

Positi Monitor

on:

Notes: 2-16-04 Monitor per Dave Mordo

Bill: **A296**

Sponso Vandervalk (R39); Cohen (D20) +1

rs:

Summar Revises health wellness insurance benefits.

y:

Relate 2004:S1300; 2002:A2412; 2002:S1746

d:

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

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

Positi Oppose

on:

Notes: 3-17-04 Oppose per Jack Kalosy on the grounds that it
increases benefits and removes the maximum on preventive
care.

9-9-04 Legislative Committee has made this a priority,
position paper to be drafted.

Bill: A302

Sponsor Vandervalk (R39)

s:
 Summary Permits continued NJ FamilyCare eligibility for parent whose
 : child turns 19 under certain circumstances.

Related 2004:S425; 2002:A3097; 2002:S2104

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 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

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Bill: A326

Sponso Weinberg (D37); Quigley (D32) +3

rs:
 Summar Provides procedures for payment to out-of-network dentists
 y: when covered person receives payment directly from dental
 insurer.

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

Status 01/22/2004 - Withdrawn from the files

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 Histor 01/13/2004 - Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial
 y: Institutions and Insurance Committee.
 01/22/2004 - Withdrawn from the files.

Positi Monitor

on:

Bill: A333

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

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

Relat 2002:A2487; 2002:S1633

ed:
 Statu 01/13/2004 - Assembly Health and Human Services Committee
 s:

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

Posit Monitor

ion:

Bill: **A336**

Sponso Weinberg (D37); Quigley (D32); Manzo (D31) +3
rs:

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

Relate 2002:A2759; 2002:S1919

d:
Status 03/22/2004 - Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens
: Committee

Histor 01/13/2004 - Introduced and referred to Assembly Health and
y: 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.

Positi Support
on:

Bill: **A340**

Sponsors Weinberg (D37); Conaway (D7); Manzo (D31) +1
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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
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Bill: **A637**

Sponsors Stender (D22)
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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.

Position Oppose
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Bill: **A717**

Sponsors Bodine (R8); Chatzidakis (R8)

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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: **A912**

Spons Connors, C. (R9); Rumpf (R9)

ors:

Summa Requires health insurers to cover Lyme disease.

ry:

Relat 2004:S1308; 2002:A984; 2002:A1328; 2000:A690; 2000:A994;

ed: 2000:S626; 1998:A392; 1998:S915; 1996:A1004; 1996:S861;
1994:A849; 1994:S271; 1992:A2553; 1992:S1297

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

s:

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

Posit Oppose

ion:

Notes 3-17-04 Oppose per Dave Mordo on the grounds that it allows
: coverage for "experimental" treatment which could be costly

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Bill: **A947 Acs (ACS)**

Spons Impreveduto (D32); Cohen (D20); Rumpf (R9); Connors, C. (R9)
ors: +4

Summa Requires that chiropractic physicians, podiatric physicians,
ry: allopathic physicians, and osteopathic physicians be
reimbursed at same rate as other health care providers under
various health and accident plans.

Relat 2004:S1690; 2002:A1019; 2002:S2815; 2000:A1883; 1998:A411;
ed: 1996:A2955

Statu 05/27/2004 - 2nd reading in the Assembly
s:

Histo 01/13/2004 - Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial
ry: Institutions and Insurance Committee.

05/13/2004 - Reported out of committee with committee
substitute, referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee.

05/27/2004 - Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in
Assembly.

Posit Oppose
ion:

Bill: **A1080**

Sponso Cryan (D20); Barnes (D18); Chiappone (D31) +1
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Summar "New Jersey Identity Theft Prevention Act".

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Status 01/13/2004 - Assembly Consumer Affairs

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Histor 01/13/2004 - Introduced and referred to Assembly Consumer
y: Affairs.

Schedu 09/23/2004 - Assembly Consumer Affairs Committee, 10:00a, 3rd
led: Floor, Committee Room 8, Annex. (Rescheduled from 09/20/2004)

Positi Monitor

on:

Notes: 5-16-04 Monitor per Dave Mordo.

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Bill: **A1104**

Sponso Corodemus (R11)

rs:

Summar Requires HMOs and small employer health benefits plans that
y: cover routine foot care to permit podiatric physicians to
provide such services.

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

d:

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

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

Positi Monitor

on:

Bill: **A1106**

Sponsors Corodemus (R11)

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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

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Bill: **A1520**

Sponsors Conaway (D7)

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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.

Position Oppose

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Notes: 2-16-04 Oppose per Dave Mordo

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Bill: **A1522**

Spons Conaway (D7)

ors:

Summa Prevents managed care plan from denying coverage for certain
ry: health care services provided to covered person solely because
covered person did not present referral to provider who
performed services.

Relat 2002:A3913

ed:

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

Histo 01/13/2004 - Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial
ry: Institutions and Insurance Committee.

Posit Monitor

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Comme 12-14-03 Added as monitor per Dave Mordo.

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Bill: **A1574**

Spons Pou (D35); Steele (D35)

ors:

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

Relat 2004:S528; 2002:A3146; 2002:S2200

ed:

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

Histo 01/13/2004 - Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial
ry: Institutions and Insurance Committee.

Posit Monitor

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Bill: **A1593 Acs (ACS)**
Sponso Burzichelli (D3); Van Drew (D1); Fisher (D3); Johnson (D37);
rs: Cohen (D20); Scalera (D36); Diegnan (D18) +4
Summar Establishes New Jersey Rx Program to reduce prescription drug
y: prices.
Relate 2004:S590; 2002:A3873; 2002:S2752
d:
Status 06/14/2004 - Assembly Appropriations Committee
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Histor 01/13/2004 - Introduced and referred to Assembly Health and
y: Human Services Committee.
06/14/2004 - Reported out of committee with committee
substitute, referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee.
Positi Monitor
on:
Commen 11-28-03 Added as monitor per Dennis Cuccinelli.
ts: 12-13-03 Added as monitor per Dave Mordo.

Bill: **A1834 Aca (1R)**
Sponso Green (D22); Cryan (D20) +15
rs:
Summar Requires health care facilities to report certain information
y: about their health care staff to their respective professional
boards or DHSS.
Relate 2004:S649; 2002:A4054; 2002:S2851
d:
Status 05/27/2004 - 2nd reading in the Assembly
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Histor 01/22/2004 - Introduced and referred to Assembly Health and
y: Human Services Committee.
05/27/2004 - Reported out of committee with committee
amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.
Positi Monitor
on:

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Bill: **A1883**

Spons Oliver (D34) +2

ors:

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

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

ed:

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

Histo 01/22/2004 - Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial
ry: Institutions and Insurance Committee.

Posit Monitor

ion:

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

Spons Weinberg (D37); Manzo (D31) +3

ors:

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

Relat 2004:S840; 2002:A3875

ed:

Statu 05/05/2004 - Bill or Resolution Signed by the Governor

s:
Histo 01/22/2004 - Introduced and referred to Assembly Health and
ry: Human Services Committee. Reported out of committee with
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.

Posit Monitor

ion:

Comme 1-22-04 Added per Dave Mordo.

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Bill: **A1913 AcaAaAaAa (4R)**
Spons Weinberg (D37); Vandervalk (R39); Gordon (D38) +1
ors:
Summa Establishes Health Care Professional Regulation Study
ry: Commission and requires certain State professional licensing
boards to take certain actions.
Relat 2002:A3985
ed:
Statu 03/22/2004 - Senate Commerce Committee
s:
Histo 01/22/2004 - Introduced and referred to Assembly Health and
ry: Human 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).
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.
Posit Monitor
ion:
Notes 1-22-04 Added per Dave Mordo.
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Bill: **A1914 Aca (1R)**
Spons Weinberg (D37); Cohen (D20); Previte (D6)
ors:
Summa Requires small employer health insurance carriers to offer
ry: coverage for treatment of infertility.
Statu 03/22/2004 - Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens
s: Committee
Histo 01/22/2004 - Introduced and referred to Assembly Health and
ry: Human Services Committee. Reported out of committee with
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.
Posit Oppose
ion:
Notes 9-9-04 Legislative Committee has made this a priority, position
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paper to be drafted.

Bill: **A1954**

Sponso Van Drew (D1)

rs:

Summar Prohibits insurer offering managed care plan from denying
y: participation in its network to a health care provider willing
to meet its contract terms.

Relate 2002:A3878

d:

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

Histor 01/26/2004 - Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial
y: Institutions and Insurance Committee.

Positi Monitor

on:

Commen 12-14-03 Added as monitor per Dave Mordo.

ts:

Bill: **A1986 Aca (1R)**

Sponsor Weinberg (D37); Gordon (D38); Manzo (D31); Cohen (D20) +1

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Summary Establishes "New Jersey Health Care Access Study Commission."

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Status: 03/22/2004 - Senate Health, Human Services and Senior
Citizens Committee

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 Committee.

Positio Oppose

n:

Notes: 2-16-04 Oppose per Dave Mordo

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Bill: **A2006**

Sponsor Weinberg (D37)

s:
Summary Establishes voluntary Statewide joint purchasing alliance for
: persons covered by individual health benefits plans.

Related 2002:A3621

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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 Oppose

n:

Notes: Oppose per Jack Kalosy on 6-10-03

Bill: **A2014**

Sponsor Cryan (D20); Chiappone (D31)

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

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

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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

n:

Notes: 2-16-04 Oppose per Dave Mordo

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Bill: **A2088 AcaAa (2R)**

Sponsors Caraballo (D29); Vas (D19); Cruz-Perez (D5) +2

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Summary: Clarifies that advertisements by licensed professionals are subject to the Consumer Fraud Act.

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

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Bill: **A2116**

Sponsors Cohen (D20); Manzo (D31)

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

Related: 2004:S1314; 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.

Position Monitor

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Bill: **A2117 Aca (1R)**
Sponso Cohen (D20); Weinberg (D37)
rs:
Summar Provides for continued health benefits coverage for certain
y: persons covered under small employer health benefits plans in
certain circumstances.
Relate 2004:S963; 2002:A3968; 2002:S2073
d:
Status 05/13/2004 - 2nd reading in the Assembly
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Histor 02/09/2004 - Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial
y: Institutions and Insurance Committee.
05/13/2004 - Reported out of committee with committee
amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.
Schedu 09/23/2004 - *CANCELLED* Assembly, 11:00a Caucus; 1:00p Voting
led: Session.
Positi Support
on:
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.

Bill: **A2162**
Sponsors Gusciora (D15); Manzo (D31)
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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.
Position Oppose
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Notes: 2-16-04 Oppose per Dave Mordo

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Bill: **A2168**

Sponsor Diegnan (D18); Vas (D19); Manzo (D31) +1

s:
Summary Requires insurance coverage for magnetic resonance imaging
: for women at high risk for breast cancer.

Related 2002:A4051

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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

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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

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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

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Notes: 2-16-04 Support per Dave Mordo

Bill: **A2220**

Sponsors Dancer (R30); Malone (R30)

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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.

Position Monitor

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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

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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.

Position Support

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Bill: A2261 Sca (1R)

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

ors: Cohen (D20) +20

Summary: Requires insurers and SHBP to cover mammograms for women under 40 under certain circumstances.

Related: 2004:S862; 2004:S1530

ed:

Status: 07/07/2004 - Bill or Resolution Signed by the Governor

s:

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 Committee.

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 Assembly, 2nd reading in 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

ion:

Notes 2-16-04 Support per Dave Mordo

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Bill: **A2292**

Sponsor Conaway (D7)

s:
Summary Authorizes insurance coverage in a divorce action to
: continue regardless of whether custody is at issue.
Related 2002:A3912
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Status: 02/09/2004 - Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance
Committee
History 02/09/2004 - Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial
: Institutions and Insurance Committee.
Positio Monitor
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Comment 12-14-03 Added as monitor per Dave Mordo.
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Bill: **A2359**

Spons Impreveduto (D32); Cohen (D20)

ors:
Summa Requires that chiropractic physicians, podiatric physicians,
ry: allopathic physicians, and osteopathic physicians be
reimbursed at same rate under various health and accident
plans.
Statu 05/13/2004 - Combined with another bill
s:
Histo 02/23/2004 - Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial
ry: Institutions and Insurance Committee.
05/13/2004 - Combined with A-947 (ACS).
Posit Oppose
ion:

Bill: **A2580**

Spons Weinberg (D37); Johnson (D37)

ors:
Summa Establishes NJ-COBRA and provides for continuation of coverage
ry: in small employer and larger group health plans for unlimited
period of time to qualified persons.
Statu 03/15/2004 - Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance
s: Committee
Histo 03/15/2004 - Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial
ry: Institutions and Insurance Committee.
Posit Oppose
ion:
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**

Sponsor Manzo (D31)

s:
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

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Bill: **A2816**

Sponsors Weinberg (D37); Greenwald (D6)

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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

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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

Notes: 2-16-04 Support per Dave Mordo

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Bill: **S370**

Sponsors Turner (D15); Bucco (R25) +3

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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

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Bill: **S425**

Sponsor Littell (R24)

s:

Summary Permits continued NJ FamilyCare eligibility for parent whose child turns 19 under certain circumstances.

Related 2004:A302; 2002:A3097; 2002:S2104

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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

n:

Bill: **S508**

Sponsor Sacco (D32); Karcher (D12) +3

s:

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

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Status: 01/13/2004 - Senate Commerce Committee

History 01/13/2004 - Introduced and referred to Senate Commerce Committee.

Position Oppose

n:

Notes: 2-16-04 Oppose per Dave Mordo

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Bill: **S528**

Spons Girgenti (D35); Bucco (R25) +1

ors:

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

Relat 2004:A1574; 2002:A3146; 2002:S2200

ed:

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

Histo 01/13/2004 - Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human
ry: Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

Posit Monitor

ion:

Bill: **S536**

Sponsor Vitale (D19) +15

s:

Summary "Health Care Claims Payment Responsibility Act."

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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.

Positio Monitor

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Bill: **S552**

Sponsor Vitale (D19); Singer (R30)

s:

Summary Requires Medicaid coverage of HIV drug resistance testing.

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Related 2002:A1933; 2002:A2444; 2002:S2256

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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.

Positio Monitor

n:

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Bill: **S557 ScsAca (SCS/1R)**

Sponso Vitale (D19); Girgenti (D35); Weinberg (D37); Manzo (D31);
rs: Gordon (D38) +6

Summar "Patient Safety Act"; establishes medical error reporting
y: system.

Relate 2004:A2214; 2002:A3983; 2002:S2793

d:

Status 04/27/2004 - Bill or Resolution Signed by the Governor

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Histor 01/13/2004 - Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human
y: 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.

Positi Support

on:

Notes: 2-16-04 Support per Dave Mordo

Bill: **S649**

Sponso Kavanaugh (R16)

rs:

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

Relate 2004:A1834; 2002:A4054; 2002:S2851

d:

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

Histor 01/26/2004 - Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human
y: Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

Positi Monitor

on:

24

Bill: **S686**

Sponsor Vitale (D19)

s:

Summary Requires health insurers to cover Hepatitis B vaccination
: costs.

Related 2004:A2162; 2002:A300; 2002:S498; 2000:A3530; 2000:S2413
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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

n:

Notes: 2-16-04 Oppose per Dave Mordo

Bill: **S688**

Sponsor Vitale (D19)

s:

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
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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

n:

Bill: **S840**

Sponsors: Vitale (D19); Sarlo (D36)

rs:

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

Related 2004:A1911; 2002:A3875

d:

Status 03/22/2004 - Substituted by another bill

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History 02/05/2004 - Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human
y: 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

on:

Bill: **S862 Scs (SCS)**

Sponsor Karcher (D12); Codey (D27); Sarlo (D36); Buono (D18); Maddens:
s: (D4) +3

Summary Requires insurers and SHBP to cover mammograms for women
: under 40 under certain circumstances.

Related 2004:A2261; 2004:S1530

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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).

Positio Support

n:

Notes: 2-16-04 Support per Dave Mordo

Bill: **S882**

Sponsor Turner (D15)

s:

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.

Positio Monitor

n:

26

Bill: **S963 Aca (1R)**

Sponso Singer (R30); Allen (R7)

rs:

Summar Provides for continued health benefits coverage for certain
y: persons covered under small employer health benefits plans in
certain circumstances.

Relate 2004:A2117; 2002:A3968; 2002:S2073

d:

Status 05/13/2004 - 2nd reading in the Assembly

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Histor 02/09/2004 - Introduced and referred to Senate Commerce
y: 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.

Schedu 09/23/2004 - *CANCELLED* Assembly, 11:00a Caucus; 1:00p Voting
led: Session.

Positi Support

on:

Notes: 9-9-04 Legislative Committee has made this a priority,
position paper to be drafted.

Commen 12-14-03 Monitor per Dave Mordo.

ts:

Bill: **S1202**

Sponsor Bucco (R25)

s:

Summary Requires health insurers to provide coverage for prosthetic
: appliances obtained from any licensed prosthetist.

Related 2002:S262; 2000:S1692

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Status: 02/24/2004 - Senate Commerce Committee

History 02/24/2004 - Introduced and referred to Senate Commerce
: Committee.

Positio Monitor

n:

Notes: 3-2-04 Monitor per Jack Kalosy

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Bill: **S1259 Sca (1R)**

Spons Kean, T. (R21); Scutari (D22) +1

ors:

Summa Provides that advertisements by persons licensed, registered,
ry: appointed or certified to practice profession or occupation
are subject to consumer fraud act.

Statu 04/29/2004 - Senate Commerce Committee

s:

Histo 02/24/2004 - Introduced and referred to Senate Commerce

ry: Committee.

03/08/2004 - Reported out of committee with committee
amendments, 2nd reading in Senate.

04/29/2004 - Referred to Senate Commerce Committee.

Posit Monitor

ion:

Bill: **S1300**

Sponso Buono (D18); Vitale (D19)

rs:

Summar Revises health wellness insurance benefits.

y:

Relate 2004:A296; 2002:A2412; 2002:S1746

d:

Status 03/08/2004 - Senate Health, Human Services and Senior
: Citizens Committee

Histor 03/08/2004 - Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human
y: Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

Positi Oppose

on:

Notes: 3-17-04 Oppose per Jack Kalosy on the grounds that it
increases benefits and removes the maximum on preventive
care.

9-9-04 Legislative Committee has made this a priority,
position paper to be drafted.

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Bill: **S1308**

Spons Buono (D18)

ors:

Summa Requires health insurers to cover Lyme disease.

ry:

Relat 2004:A912; 2002:A984; 2002:A1328; 2000:A690; 2000:A994;

ed: 2000:S626; 1998:A392; 1998:S915; 1996:A1004; 1996:S861;

1994:A849; 1994:S271; 1992:A2553; 1992:S1297

Statu 03/08/2004 - Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens

s: Committee

Histo 03/08/2004 - Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human

ry: Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

Posit Oppose

ion:

Notes 3-17-04 Oppose per Dave Mordo on the grounds that it allows

: coverage for "experimental" treatment which could be costly.

Bill: **S1314**

Sponsors: Buono (D18)

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

Related: 2004:A2116; 2002:A2926; 2002:S317; 2000:A3952; 2000:S1735

Status: 03/08/2004 - Senate Commerce Committee

History: 03/08/2004 - Introduced and referred to Senate Commerce
Committee.

Position: Monitor

Bill: **S1530**

Sponsor Madden (D4); Sweeney (D3)

s:

Summary Requires health benefits coverage for annual mammograms for
: women under 40 under certain circumstances.

Related 2004:A2261; 2004:S862

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Status: 06/07/2004 - Combined with another bill

History 04/29/2004 - Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human

: Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

06/07/2004 - Combined with S-862/S-1409 (SCS).

Positio Support

n:

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**
 Sponso Vitale (D19)
 rs:
 Summar Requires SHBP and health insurers providing dependent coverage
 y: to cover unmarried dependent children until their 26th birthday.
 Status 06/10/2004 - Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens
 : Committee
 Histor 06/10/2004 - Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human
 y: Services and Senior Citizens Committee.
 Positi Oppose
 on:
 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**
 Spons Kavanaugh (R16); Baer (D37)
 ors:
 Summa Requires that chiropractic physicians, podiatric physicians,
 ry: allopathic physicians, and osteopathic physicians be reimbursed at same rate as other health care providers under various health and accident plans.
 Relat 2004:A947; 2002:A1019; 2002:S2815; 2000:A1883; 1998:A411;
 ed: 1996:A2955
 Statu 06/14/2004 - Senate Commerce Committee
 s:
 Histo 06/14/2004 - Introduced and referred to Senate Commerce
 ry: Committee.
 Posit Oppose
 ion:

Respectfully Submitted,

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