



**Date:** September 22, 2004  
**To:** NJ State NAHU Board  
**From:** Jack Kalosy, HIA, NJ State Legislative Chair

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**Subject:** September 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 2004. Democratic Senate President, Richard Codey is scheduled to take over the office of Governor on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2004.
- The Assembly version of mini COBRA bill we support (A2117) was scheduled for a vote this Thursday September 23, 2004. Unfortunately the weather related postponement will push the assembly versions action back by to October 7, 2004.
- Senator Singer has sponsored a bill (S-1572) the bill will allow 3.5:1 rate ratios in the Individual and SEH markets. We will be reaching out to Dr Morgan 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.
- We had our Legislative Management Team (LMT) meeting on Thursday September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2004. We had 10 members of the LMT in attendance. The team has really kicked into overdrive with each Local Legislative Chair taking responsibility to write a position paper on each of the critical Health related issues in the 2004-2005 NJ Legislative session.
- The National NAHU is forming a position on Discount Medical Plans that will be released very shortly.
- AHP's and drug reimportation initiatives appear to be dead for the year, but there's always the chance that language could be attached to another bill. We'll contact you with an Operation Shout if this happens.
- Congress is now in session, and it's looking more likely that they'll have a lame duck session after the election in November. They've got a lot of work to do in a short amount of time.

- Uninsured proposals are still floating around Capitol Hill. Some bills may yet be introduced this session, but likely not really considered until next year.
- There's a TAA tax credit bill in conference right now. We may need your help with an Operation Shout on this one. Stay tuned. The response will need to be timely, as this session ends on October 6.

### **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.

### **4. SEH Board Minutes:**

The board meeting was September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

It was a short meeting this morning but very eventful.

#### **Board Vacancies:**

Darryl Farkus was representing United HealthCare for the first time since Oxford Health Plans was acquired by United. This leaves the Oxford small carrier seat open. In addition, Melanie Willoughby has announced her resignation from the board, citing a busy schedule. This leaves another opening for a person representing small businesses.

#### **RX Rider Controversy:**

Ellen DeRosa (Deputy Director of the SEH Board) has been speaking and educating agents around the state on the topic of the SEH readoption for the last month. She has been hearing that Carriers are not offering medical plans without a Rx Card Rider. Ellen is going to send a request for each member carrier to certify that they are in fact offering the medical plan without the optional RX rider.

#### **HSA/ Lead Poisoning Issue:**

I asked the Board if we had any information on the number of recent Lead Treatment cases in NJ. Senator Singer has expressed interest in sponsoring a bill to remove the mandate that requires that Lead Poisoning treatment be covered without a deductible. The Health and Human Services representative on the board, Dr Joseph Tricarico indicated he would try to obtain any relevant data from the state epidemiology department and share it with the board.

#### **Readoption Riders that were approved:**

Nippon Life was the only carrier that had approved readoption riders at the meeting today.

#### **Readoption Riders that were declined:**

Ellen DeRosa brought up United and indicated that they had been unsuccessful in filing corrected riders with the board prior to our meeting today. She recommended that the board find 3 riders incomplete and not functional. The board needed to do this at the meeting in order to avoid the deemer rule from taking effect. The riders that were adversely affected were:

1. The Hospital Confinement rider as it relates to hospital copays or coinsurance.
2. Urgent Care services, which allows for specific separate copays for Urgent Care.
3. Open Access Rider.

Ellen indicated that United filed two riders with the board and recommended that we decline them both and refer both to the NJDOBI. Those riders were:

1. Emergency Room Copays that were in excess of the standard ER copays. They are a decreasing rider and should be filed with the DOBI.

- 2. Care Coordination Rider. According to Ellen this rider appears to be at the very best a decreasing rider and should go to DOBI.

United's loss of these riders will apparently render them unable to write new HMO business or renew existing HMO's since all of those plan types are Open Access.

The next regular SEH meeting is scheduled for October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2004.

**We are currently tracking 66 Bills!**

**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.

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Bill: **A237**

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

Sponso  
rs:

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

Relate  
d:

01/13/2004 - Assembly Commerce and Economic Development

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

y:  
Monitor

Positi  
on:

Notes: 2-16-04 Monitor per Dave Mordo

Bill: **A296**

Vandervalk (R39); Cohen (D20) +1

Sponso  
rs:

Revises health wellness insurance benefits.

Summar  
y:

2004:S1300; 2002:A2412; 2002:S1746

Relate  
d:

01/13/2004 - Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance

Status  
Committee  
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01/13/2004 - Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial  
Institutions and Insurance Committee.

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Oppose

Positi  
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: **A302**

Vandervalk (R39)

Sponsors:

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

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2004:S425; 2002:A3097; 2002:S2104

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

History Human Services Committee.

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Monitor

Position:

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Bill: **A326**

Weinberg (D37); Quigley (D32) +3

Sponsors:

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Provides procedures for payment to out-of-network dentists

Summary when covered person receives payment directly from dental

insurer.

2002:A1897; 2002:S1409; 2000:A2168; 2000:S1290; 1998:A1658;

Related 1998:S772; 1996:A2810; 1996:S1915

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01/22/2004 - Withdrawn from the files

Status

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

History Institutions and Insurance Committee.

Summary: 01/22/2004 - Withdrawn from the files.

Monitor

Position:

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Bill: **A333**

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

Sponsors:

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

Related:

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

Status:

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

Priority:

Monitor

Position:

Bill: **A336**

Weinberg (D37); Quigley (D32); Manzo (D31) +3

Sponsors:

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

2002:A2759; 2002:S1919

Related:

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

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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.

Support

Position:

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Bill: **A340**

Weinberg (D37); Conaway (D7); Manzo (D31) +1

Sponsors

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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.

Oppose

Position

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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: **A912**

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

Sponsors:

Requires health insurers to cover Lyme disease.

Summary:

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

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

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

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

Status:

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

History:

Oppose

Position:

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

Notes coverage for "experimental" treatment which could be costly  
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Bill: **A947 Acs (ACS)**

Impeveduto (D32); Cohen (D20); Rumpf (R9); Connors, C. (R9)

Sponsors: +4

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

2004:S1690; 2002:A1019; 2002:S2815; 2000:A1883; 1998:A411;

Related: 1996:A2955

History:

05/27/2004 - 2nd reading in the Assembly

Status:

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

History: 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.

Oppose

Position:

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Bill: **A1080**  
Cryan (D20); Barnes (D18); Chiappone (D31) +1

Sponso  
rs:  
"New Jersey Identity Theft Prevention Act".

Summar  
y:  
01/13/2004 - Assembly Consumer Affairs

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

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

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Monitor

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

Bill: **A1104**  
Corodemus (R11)

Sponso  
rs:  
Requires HMOs and small employer health benefits plans that

Summar cover routine foot care to permit podiatric physicians to  
y: provide such services.

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

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

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

y:  
Monitor

Positi  
on:

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Bill: **A1106**  
Corodemus (R11)

Sponsors

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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.  
Monitor

Position

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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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Notes: 2-16-04 Oppose per Dave Mordo

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Bill: **A1522**  
Conaway (D7)  
Sponsors:  
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  
Related:  
01/13/2004 - Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance  
Statutes:  
01/13/2004 - Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.  
History:  
Monitor  
Position:  
12-14-03 Added as monitor per Dave Mordo.  
Comments:

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

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

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

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Bill: **A1883**

Oliver (D34) +2

Spons  
ors:

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

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

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ed:

01/22/2004 - Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance

Statu Committee

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

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Monitor

Posit  
ion:

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

Weinberg (D37); Manzo (D31) +3

Sponsors:

Requires health care providers to offer parents of infants

Summary: option to screen for disorders for which State does not require screening.

2004:S840; 2002:A3875

Related:

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

Status:

History: 01/22/2004 - Introduced and referred to Assembly Health and 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.

Monitor

Position:

1-22-04 Added per Dave Mordo.

Comments:

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Bill: **A1913 AcaAaAaAa (4R)**  
Weinberg (D37); Vandervalk (R39); Gordon (D38) +1  
Sponsors:  
Establishes Health Care Professional Regulation Study  
Summary: Commission and requires certain State professional licensing boards to take certain actions.  
2002:A3985  
Related:  
03/22/2004 - Senate Commerce Committee  
Status:  
01/22/2004 - Introduced and referred to Assembly Health and 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.  
Monitor  
Position:  
1-22-04 Added per Dave Mordo.  
Notes:  
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Bill: **A1914 Aca (1R)**

Weinberg (D37); Cohen (D20); Previte (D6)

Sponsors:

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

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

Status Committee

s:

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

ry: 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.

Oppose

Position:

9-9-04 Legislative Committee has made this a priority, position

Notes paper to be drafted.

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Bill: **A1954**

Van Drew (D1)

Sponsors:

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

2002:A3878

Related:

01/26/2004 - Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance

Status Committee

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

y:

Monitor

Position:

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

Comments:

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

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

## Sponsor

s:

Establishes "New Jersey Health Care Access Study Commission."

## Summary

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

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

History Human Services Committee.

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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.

Oppose

## Positio

n:

Notes: 2-16-04 Oppose per Dave Mordo

Bill: **A2006**

Weinberg (D37)

## Sponsor

s:

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

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2002:A3621

## 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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Oppose

## Positio

n:

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

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Bill: **A2014**

Cryan (D20); Chiappone (D31)

Sponsor

s:

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

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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

n:

Notes: 2-16-04 Oppose per Dave Mordo

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

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

Sponsors

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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.

Oppose

Position

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Bill: **A2116**

Cohen (D20); Manzo (D31)

Sponsors

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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.  
Monitor

Position

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Bill: **A2117 Aca (1R)**

Cohen (D20); Weinberg (D37)

Sponso

rs:

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

2004:S963; 2002:A3968; 2002:S2073

Relate

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

Status

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

History: 05/13/2004 - Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.

09/23/2004 - \*CANCELLED\* Assembly, 11:00a Caucus; 1:00p Voting

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Support

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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.

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Bill: **A2162**

Gusciora (D15); Manzo (D31)

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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Notes: 2-16-04 Oppose per Dave Mordo

Bill: **A2168**

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

Sponsor

s:

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

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2002:A4051

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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Notes: 2-16-04 Change position from monitor to support per Dave Mordo

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Bill: **A2214 Aca (1R)**

Weinberg (D37); Manzo (D31); Gordon (D38) +1

Sponsors

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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).

Support

Position

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Notes: 2-16-04 Support per Dave Mordo

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.

Monitor

Position

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Notes: 2-16-04 Support per Dave Mordo

2-19-04 Change to monitor per Jack Kalosy

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Bill: **A2260**

Wisniewski (D19); Conaway (D7) +1

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 Sca (1R)**

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

Spons Cohen (D20) +20

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Requires insurers and SHBP to cover mammograms for women under

Summa 40 under certain circumstances.

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2004:S862; 2004:S1530

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

Statu

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

Histo Institutions and Insurance Committee.

ry: 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.

Support

Posit

ion:

2-16-04 Support per Dave Mordo

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Bill: **A2292**  
Conaway (D7)  
Sponsor  
s:  
Authorizes insurance coverage in a divorce action to  
Summary continue regardless of whether custody is at issue.  
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2002:A3912  
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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Monitor  
Positio  
n:  
12-14-03 Added as monitor per Dave Mordo.  
Comment  
s:

Bill: **A2359**  
Impreveduto (D32); Cohen (D20)  
Spons  
ors:  
Requires that chiropractic physicians, podiatric physicians,  
Summa allopathic physicians, and osteopathic physicians be  
ry: reimbursed at same rate under various health and accident  
plans.  
05/13/2004 - Combined with another bill  
Statu  
s:  
02/23/2004 - Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial  
Histo Institutions and Insurance Committee.  
ry: 05/13/2004 - Combined with A-947 (ACS).  
Oppose  
Posit  
ion:

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Bill: **A2580**

Weinberg (D37); Johnson (D37)

Sponsors:

Establishes NJ-COBRA and provides for continuation of coverage in small employer and larger group health plans for unlimited period of time to qualified persons.

03/15/2004 - Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance

Status Committee

03/15/2004 - Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.

Position: Oppose

Position:

3-17-04 Oppose actively per Jack Kalosy.

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

Bill: **A2675**

Manzo (D31)

Sponsors:

Prohibits HMO from imposing certain restrictions regarding provision of health care services to enrollees.

2004:S882; 2002:A909; 2002:S962; 2000:A288; 2000:S899;

Related 1998:A326; 1998:S734; 1996:A2499

Status: 05/06/2004 - Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee

05/06/2004 - Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.

Position: Monitor

Position:

26

Bill: **A2816**  
Weinberg (D37); Greenwald (D6)

Sponsors

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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.

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

Notes: 2-16-04 Support per Dave Mordo

Bill: **S370**

Turner (D15); Bucco (R25) +3

Sponsors

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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.

Oppose

Position

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27

Bill: **S425**  
Littell (R24)

Sponsor  
s:

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

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2004:A302; 2002:A3097; 2002:S2104

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

Positio  
n:

Bill: **S508**  
Sacco (D32); Karcher (D12) +3

Sponsor  
s:

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

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2004:A2014; 2002:A637; 2002:S392; 2000:A3280; 2000:S1741

Related

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Status: 01/13/2004 - Senate Commerce Committee

01/13/2004 - Introduced and referred to Senate Commerce

History Committee.

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Oppose

Positio  
n:

Notes: 2-16-04 Oppose per Dave Mordo

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Bill: **S528**

Girgenti (D35); Bucco (R25) +1

Sponsors:

Requires health insurers, Medicaid and NJ FamilyCare to provide coverage for comprehensive program of pediatric feeding and swallowing services.  
2004:A1574; 2002:A3146; 2002:S2200

Related:

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

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

Priority: Monitor

Position:

Bill: **S536**

Vitale (D19) +15

Sponsors:

"Health Care Claims Payment Responsibility Act."

Summary:

2002:A1778; 2002:S486; 2000:A1656; 2000:S370; 1998:A2626;

Related 1998:S1455

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

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

Priority: Monitor

Position:

29

Bill: **S552**

Vitale (D19); Singer (R30)

Sponsor

s:

Requires Medicaid coverage of HIV drug resistance testing.

Summary

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2002:A1933; 2002:A2444; 2002:S2256

Related

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Status: 01/26/2004 - Withdrawn from the files

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

History Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

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01/26/2004 - Withdrawn from the files.

Monitor

Positio

n:

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

Vitale (D19); Girgenti (D35); Weinberg (D37); Manzo (D31);

Sponso Gordon (D38) +6

rs:

"Patient Safety Act"; establishes medical error reporting

Summar system.

y:

2004:A2214; 2002:A3983; 2002:S2793

Relate

d:

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

Status

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

y: 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.

Support

Positi

on:

Notes: 2-16-04 Support per Dave Mordo

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Bill: **S649**

Kavanaugh (R16)

Sponso  
rs:

Requires health care facilities to report certain information  
Summary about their health care staff to their respective professional  
boards or DHSS.  
2004:A1834; 2002:A4054; 2002:S2851

Relate  
d:

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

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

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Monitor

Positi  
on:

Bill: **S686**

Vitale (D19)

Sponsor  
s:

Requires health insurers to cover Hepatitis B vaccination  
Summary costs.

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

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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Oppose

Positio  
n:

Notes: 2-16-04 Oppose per Dave Mordo

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Bill: **S688**  
Vitale (D19)

Sponsor  
s:

Requires health insurers to cover well baby visits during  
Summary the first two years of life.

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2004:A2260; 2002:A374; 2002:S2095; 2000:A1692; 1998:A1939

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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Support

Positio  
n:

Bill: **S840**  
Vitale (D19); Sarlo (D36)

Sponso  
rs:

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

2004:A1911; 2002:A3875

Relate  
d:

03/22/2004 - Substituted by another bill

Status

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02/05/2004 - Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human  
Histor Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

y: 03/01/2004 - Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Senate.  
03/22/2004 - Substituted by A-1911 (1R).

Monitor

Positi  
on:

33

Bill: **S862 Scs (SCS)**

Karcher (D12); Codey (D27); Sarlo (D36); Buono (D18); Madden

Sponsor (D4) +3

s:

Requires insurers and SHBP to cover mammograms for women

Summary under 40 under certain circumstances.

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2004:A2261; 2004:S1530

Related

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Status: 06/17/2004 - Substituted by another bill

02/09/2004 - Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human

History 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).

Support

Positio

n:

Notes: 2-16-04 Support per Dave Mordo

Bill: **S882**

Turner (D15)

Sponsor

s:

Prohibits HMO from imposing certain restrictions regarding

Summary provision of health care services to enrollees.

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2004:A2675; 2002:A909; 2002:S962; 2000:A288; 2000:S899;

Related 1998:A326; 1998:S734; 1996:A2499

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

02/09/2004 - Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human

History Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

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Monitor

Positio

n:

34

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

Singer (R30); Allen (R7)

Sponso

rs:

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

Relate

d:

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

Status

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

Histor

y: 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.

09/23/2004 - \*CANCELLED\* Assembly, 11:00a Caucus; 1:00p Voting

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Support

Positi

on:

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

12-14-03 Monitor per Dave Mordo.

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Bill: **S1202**  
Bucco (R25)

Sponsors:

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

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2002:S262; 2000:S1692

Related

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

History Committee.

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Monitor

Position:

Notes: 3-2-04 Monitor per Jack Kalosy

Bill: **S1259 Sca (1R)**  
Kean, T. (R21); Scutari (D22) +1

Sponsors:

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

04/29/2004 - Senate Commerce Committee

Status:

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

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

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

Monitor

Position:

36

Bill: **S1300**

Buono (D18); Vitale (D19)

Sponso  
rs:

Revises health wellness insurance benefits.

Summar  
y:

2004:A296; 2002:A2412; 2002:S1746

Relate  
d:

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

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

y:  
Oppose

Positi  
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: **S1308**

Buono (D18)

Spons  
ors:

Requires health insurers to cover Lyme disease.

Summa  
ry:

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

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

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

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

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

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Oppose

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

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Bill: **S1683**  
Vitale (D19)

Sponso  
rs:

Requires SHBP and health insurers providing dependent coverage  
Summary: to cover unmarried dependent children until their 26th  
birthday.

06/10/2004 - Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens  
Status Committee

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06/10/2004 - Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human  
History: Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

Position:  
Oppose

Position:  
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**  
Kavanaugh (R16); Baer (D37)

Sponso  
rs:

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

2004:A947; 2002:A1019; 2002:S2815; 2000:A1883; 1998:A411;  
Related: 1996:A2955

06/14/2004 - Senate Commerce Committee

Status:  
06/14/2004 - Introduced and referred to Senate Commerce

History: Committee.

Position:  
Oppose

Position:  
ion:

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack Kalosy

NJ State Legislative Chair