



**Date:** April 19, 2005  
**To:** NJ State NAHU Board  
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**Subject:** April Legislative Report

### 1. Details on the PAC

- We need additional Fundraisers for the PAC.
- Brad Greenbaum has been appointed the new HIAPAC Chairman by Joe Torella
- Brad has set a goal of \$25,000 for our annual PAC Budget!
- The NJAHU has agreed to Match members contributions to the PAC up to \$3,500 for donations made prior to the Atlantic City Conference close on May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2005.
- The HIAPAC lapel pins are ready for distribution. If you have donated more than \$120 to the PAC you are entitled to a pin.

### 2. Current Legislative Environment

- The legislature is on its budget break so there has not have been any activity since March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2005.
- We will have our Legislative Management Team (LMT) meeting on Tuesday May 3rd, 2005 at 12:30 PM at Chesterfield's in the Jamesburg Holiday Inn. We are looking for additional members that would like to attend the LMT so please try to bring a new participant to the meeting from your chapter. We will discuss the HIAPAC and operating By-laws as well as identify legislative issues that need our attention.
- Please take a moment to take part in the "Adopt a Legislator" program. You can **HELP** you and your clients keep Health Insurance affordable by agreeing to keep a legislator educated on our key issues. Dave Mordo is running the "Adopt a Legislator" Program. Please contact Dave and volunteer to work with your State or Federal Legislator.
- Senator Singer has sponsored a bill (S-1572) the bill will allow 3.5:1 rate ratios in the Individual and SEH markets. We are hopeful that we can push this bill to passage after the legislature returns from elections in the fall of 2005. This bill represents another major contribution by the NJAHU to improving consumers' access to affordable Health Insurance.

### 3. Important Legislative Issues to address this Quarter

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

#### 4. Events

- Legislative Management Team (LMT) meeting on Tuesday May 3rd, 2005 at 12:30 PM at Chesterfield's in the Jamesburg Holiday Inn

**We are currently tracking 85 bills in the NJ State Legislature**

### Health Underwriters (2004-2005)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Bill:** **A912**  
**Sponsors:** Connors, C. (R9); Rumpf (R9)  
**Summary:** Requires health insurers to cover Lyme disease.  
**Related:** 2004:S1308; 2002:A984; 2002:A1328; 2000:A690; 2000:A994; 2000:S626; 1998:A392; 1998:S915; 1996:A1038; 1994:A849; 1994:S271; 1992:A2553; 1992:S1297  
**Status:** 01/13/2004 – Assembly Health and Human Services Committee  
**History:** 01/13/2004 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Health and Human Services Committee.  
**Position:** Oppose  
**Notes:** 3-17-04 Oppose per Dave Mordo on the grounds that it allows coverage for "experimental" treatment which is not covered by private health insurance.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Related: 2004:S2105

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

History: 01/22/2004 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Health and Human Services Committee. Reported out of committee amendments, referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.

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

03/15/2004 – Passed in Assembly 72-6-1.

03/22/2004 – Received in Senate and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Comm

Position: Oppose

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

**Bill: A1954**

Sponsors: Van Drew (D1)

Summary: Prohibits insurer offering managed care plan from denying participation in its network to a health care pro contract terms.

Related: 2002:A3878

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

History: 01/26/2004 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.

Position: Monitor

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

**Bill: A1986 AcaSca (2R)**

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

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

Related: 2004:S1908

Status: 02/28/2005 – 2nd reading in the Senate

History: 01/26/2004 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Health and Human Services Committee.

02/09/2004 – Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.

03/11/2004 – Passed in Assembly 74-5-0.

03/22/2004 – Received in Senate and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens C

02/28/2005 – Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate.

Position: Oppose

Notes: 2-16-04 Oppose per Dave Mordo

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

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

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

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

**Bill:** **A2117 Aca (1R)**  
**Sponsors:** Cohen (D20); Weinberg (D37) +1  
**Summary:** Provides for continued health benefits coverage for certain persons covered under small employer health b circumstances.  
**Related:** 2004:S963; 2002:A3968; 2002:S2073  
**Status:** 10/07/2004 – Substituted by another bill  
**History:** 02/09/2004 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.  
05/13/2004 – Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.  
10/07/2004 – Substituted by S-963 (1R).  
**Position:** Support  
**Notes:** 12-14-03 Monitor per Dave Mordo.  
2-16-04 Change position from monitor to support per Dave Mordo.  
9-9-04 Legislative Committee has made this a priority, position paper to be drafted.  
**Comments:** 12-14-03 Monitor per Dave Mordo.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Bill:****A3724 Aca (1R)****Sponsors:** Morgan (D12); Weinberg (D37); Gordon (D38); Wisniewski (D19); Voss (D38); Previte (D6) +30**Summary:** "Family Health Care Coverage Act"; reestablishes NJ Family Care Program and expands eligibility for Medicaid for parents and adults without dependent children.**Related:** 2004:S2236**Status:** 02/07/2005 – Assembly Appropriations Committee**History:** 01/13/2005 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Health and Human Services Committee.

02/07/2005 – Reported out of committee with committee amendments, referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee.

**Position:** Support**Notes:** 1-25-05 Support per Jack Kalosy.**Bill:** **A3759 Aa (1R)****Sponsors:** Cohen (D20); Johnson (D37); Weinberg (D37); Diegnan (D18) +1**Summary:** Requires extension of health benefits coverage for certain dependents up to age 30.**Related:** 2004:S2283**Status:** 02/24/2005 – 2nd reading in the Assembly**History:** 02/07/2005 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee. Reported out of committee.  
2nd reading in Assembly.

02/24/2005 – Amended on Assembly floor, 2nd reading in Assembly (Cohen).

**Position:** Oppose**Notes:** 2-21-05 Oppose per Jack Kalosy.**Bill:** **S107****Sponsors:** Inverso (R14); Singer (R30) +2**Summary:** Requires coverage for certain nonprescription formulas under certain health benefits plans, including S107.**Related:** 2002:A2351; 2002:S1499**Status:** 12/10/2004 – Senate State Government Committee**History:** 01/13/2004 – Introduced and referred to Senate State Government Committee.

12/10/2004 – Pension and Health Benefits Review Commission reviewed and recommended to not enact.

**Position:** Oppose**Notes:** 11-12-04 Oppose per Dave Mordo.**Bill:** **S218****Sponsors:** Singer (R30); Vitale (D19) +3**Summary:** Requires health insurers to provide coverage for hearing aids.**Related:** 2004:A2220; 2002:A2276; 2002:S864**Status:** 01/13/2004 – Senate Commerce Committee**History:** 01/13/2004 – Introduced and referred to Senate Commerce Committee.**Position:** Support**Notes:** 2-16-04 Support per Dave Mordo

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Bill:****S840****Sponsors:** Vitale (D19); Sarlo (D36)**Summary:** Requires health care providers to offer parents of infants option to screen for disorders for which State do**Related:** 2004:A1911; 2002:A3875**Status:** 03/22/2004 – Substituted by another bill**History:** 02/05/2004 – Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

03/01/2004 – Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Senate.

03/22/2004 – Substituted by A-1911 (1R).

**Position:** Monitor**Bill:****S862 Scs (SCS)****Sponsors:** Karcher (D12); Codey (D27); Sarlo (D36); Buono (D18); Madden (D4) +3**Summary:** Requires insurers and SHBP to cover mammograms for women under 40 under certain circumstances.**Related:** 2004:A2261; 2004:S1530**Status:** 06/17/2004 – Substituted by another bill**History:** 02/09/2004 – Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee

06/07/2004 – Reported out of committee with committee substitute, 2nd reading in Senate.

06/17/2004 – Substituted by A-2261 (1R).

**Position:** Support**Notes:** 2-16-04 Support per Dave Mordo**Bill:****S882****Sponsors:** Turner (D15)**Summary:** Prohibits HMO from imposing certain restrictions regarding provision of health care services to enroll**Related:** 2004:A2675; 2002:A909; 2002:S962; 2000:A288; 2000:S899; 1998:A326; 1998:S734; 1996:A2499**Status:** 02/09/2004 – Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee**History:** 02/09/2004 – Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee**Position:** Monitor

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

**Sponsors:** Singer (R30); Allen (R7); Cohen (D20); Weinberg (D37) +2

**Summary:** Provides for continued health benefits coverage for certain persons covered under small employer health b circumstances.

**Related:** 2004:A2117; 2002:A3968; 2002:S2073

**Status:** 12/07/2004 – Bill or Resolution Signed by the Governor

**History:** 02/09/2004 – Introduced and referred to Senate Commerce Committee.

03/08/2004 – Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Senate.

03/22/2004 – Passed in Senate 39-0.

05/03/2004 – Received in Assembly and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Comm

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

10/07/2004 – Substituted for A-2117 (1R). Passed in Assembly 77-0-0.

10/14/2004 – Received in Senate, 2nd reading in Senate to concur with Assembly amendments.

10/25/2004 – Passed in Senate and sent to Governor 38-0.

12/07/2004 – Signed by the Governor P.L.2004, c.162.

**Position:** Support

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

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

**Bill:****S1171 Scs (SCS)**

**Sponsors:** Rice (D28); Vitale (D19)

**Summary:** Prohibits participating providers under managed care plans from charging certain fees; establishes pena

**Related:** 2004:A3439; 2002:S2687

**Status:** 10/04/2004 – 2nd reading in the Senate

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

10/04/2004 – Reported out of committee with committee substitute, 2nd reading in Senate.

**Position:** Support

**Notes:** 2-28-05 Support per Jack Kalosy.

**Bill:****S1202**

**Sponsors:** Bucco (R25)

**Summary:** Requires health insurers to provide coverage for prosthetic appliances obtained from any licensed prost

**Related:** 2002:S262; 2000:S1692

**Status:** 02/24/2004 – Senate Commerce Committee

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

**Position:** Monitor

**Notes:** 3-2-04 Monitor per Jack Kalosy

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

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

**Bill: S1308**  
**Sponsors:** Buono (D18)  
**Summary:** Requires health insurers to cover Lyme disease.  
**Related:** 2004:A912; 2002:A984; 2002:A1328; 2000:A690; 2000:A994; 2000:S626; 1998:A392; 1998:S915; 1996:A1328; 1994:A849; 1994:S271; 1992:A2553; 1992:S1297  
**Status:** 03/08/2004 – Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee  
**History:** 03/08/2004 – Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.  
**Position:** Oppose  
**Notes:** 3-17-04 Oppose per Dave Mordo on the grounds that it allows coverage for "experimental" treatment which

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

**Position:** Monitor

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Bill: S2164**  
**Sponsors:** Adler (D6)  
**Summary:** Provides gross income tax credit for certain small business employers that provide health care benefits t  
**Related:** 2004:A746; 2002:A1681; 2000:A1096; 2000:S2734; 1998:A266; 1996:A1147; 1994:A1038; 1992:A13  
**Status:** 12/13/2004 – Senate Commerce Committee  
**History:** 12/13/2004 – Introduced and referred to Senate Commerce Committee.  
**Position:** Support  
**Notes:** 1-7-05 Support per Jack Kalosy.

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

**Bill: S2166**  
**Sponsors:** Adler (D6)  
**Summary:** Provides tax credit for certain taxpayers that provide health care benefits to employees.  
**Related:** 2004:A747; 2002:A1687; 2000:A1095; 2000:S2735; 1998:A265; 1996:A1146; 1994:A1037; 1992:A13  
**Status:** 12/13/2004 – Senate Commerce Committee  
**History:** 12/13/2004 – Introduced and referred to Senate Commerce Committee.  
**Position:** Support  
**Notes:** 1-7-05 Support per Jack Kalosy.

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

**Bill:** **S2283**  
**Sponsors:** Gill (D34); Vitale (D19)  
**Summary:** Requires extension of health benefits coverage for certain dependents up to age 30.  
**Related:** 2004:A3759  
**Status:** 01/31/2005 – Senate Commerce Committee  
**History:** 01/31/2005 – Introduced and referred to Senate Commerce Committee.  
**Position:** Oppose  
**Notes:** 2-21-05 Oppose per Jack Kalosy.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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