

JUNE 2008

Legislative Management Team (LMT) Report:

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1. Recently Introduced Bills: State

A-2767 (Webber) "The New Jersey Healthcare Choice Act"; permits health insurers licensed in other states to provide coverage in New Jersey under certain circumstances.

S-467 (Buono) "Grace's Law;" requires health insurers, State Health Benefits Program and NJ FamilyCare to provide coverage for hearing aids for covered persons 15 and younger.

A-2624 (Cohen) Expands NJ FamilyCare, establishes mandate for health care coverage of children, and makes various reforms to individual and small employer insurance markets.

S-1165 (Adler) Regulates certain credentialing and trade practices of insurance producers, and provides private cause of action for insurance producer violations.

A-1878 (Connors) Requires insurance producers to notify Commissioner of Banking and Insurance of any disciplinary action taken by non-governmental regulatory authority.

2. THE LMT AT WORK

UPCOMING EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS

June 11th, 2008 – 20th Legislative District Fundraiser will be attended by Jim Stenger.

June 17th, 2008 – Governor's Gala Event will be attended by our President –Elect Rick Wheeler

ONGOING WORK

1) Greg Colen & Desmond Slattery of the Monmouth/Ocean Chapter met with Senator Jennifer Beck on May 27th. They discussed S1557 which is of major concern to our membership.

2) Desmond Slattery met with Assemblyman Dave Rible and Senator Sean Kean last week to discuss S1557 and the role of the health insurance broker in NJ.

3) Jim Stenger. Marilyn Stenger and Doug Lubenow testified before the Senate Health Committee on May 15th, 2008 with reference to Senator Vitale's bill.

- 4) Dave Mordo testified before the Senate Budget Committee on May 19th, 2008 with reference to Senator Vitale's bill.**
- 5) Nicole Gunia, Gary Taffet, Jonathan Jaffe and Dave Mordo will be meeting with Senator Vitale on June 17th to discuss S1557, the role of the broker and S1376 (premium assistance legislation)**
- 6) Joan Fusco along with some members of the LMT has drafted position papers on various pieces of proposed legislation. The LMT encourages all of our NJAHU members to weigh in on establishing our position and drafting the papers. Once the papers are completed, they are posted on our web site www.njahu.org**
- 7) Matthew Basile has volunteered some of his time to help solicit HIAPAC funds from our membership.**
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