

# A-3832/S-2566

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## Brief Description:

"Breann's Law" requires health insurers, the State Health Benefits Program and NJ FamilyCare to provide "out of network" coverage for children with catastrophic illnesses.

## Sponsor:

- Assemblymen: Brian Rumpf (R-9), Daniel Van Pelt (R-9)  
Senator Christopher Connors (R-9): Atlantic, Burlington, Ocean

## Reasons to Support:

- Managed care network may be sub par in specialty care, especially in rare disease. May be more efficient and cost effective to utilize out of network providers
- Gives insureds piece of mind that most of their expenses would not be subject to balance billing

## Reasons to Oppose:

- All illnesses should be treated the same when non network providers are utilized
- Demolishes the entire system of network vs non network
- This treatment no longer falls under an insurance type arrangement
- Increased premium
- Utilizes a sensitive children's issue to usurp the benefits and advantages of private sector insurance
- Potential balance billing by specialists i.e. anesthesiologists and pathologists may still exist

## NJAHU Position:

**Oppose**

## Status

2/23/2009 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Commerce Committee



Legislative Briefing

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