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Brief Description:

Prohibits insurers offering managed care plans from denying participation to a healthcare provider willing to meet its contract terms.

Bill #/Sponsor(s):

Assemblyman Burzichelli (D-Salem-Burlington), Conway (D-Delran), Chivukula (D-Somerset).

Reasons to Support:

- Increases network size.
- Increases probability of provider being in carrier network so member does not have to change.

Reasons to Oppose:

- Reduces the quality control issues of carriers trying to raise the bar of excellence.
- Increases cost by eliminating network vs non-network usage.
- Eliminates bargaining for lower prices
- Raises the question of accountability in other professions i.e. realtors, car salespersons.

NJAHU Position:

Monitor

Status:

2/14/2008 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Commerce Committee

3/10/08 – Additional testimony and potential amendments are being considered



Legislative Briefing

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