

CHAPTER 87

AN ACT concerning access to health insurance coverage and supplementing P.L.2005, c.156 (C.30:4J-8 et seq.) and P.L.1992, c.160 (C.26:2H-18.51 et al.).

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

C.30:4J-17 Annual report on Access to Employer-Based Health Insurance; contents.

1. The Commissioner of Human Services, in consultation with the Commissioners of Health and Senior Services, Labor and Workforce Development, and Banking and Insurance, as appropriate, shall prepare, to the extent data are available, an annual report on Access to Employer-Based Health Insurance, as provided in this act.

a. The report shall include the following information about each employer in the State with an aggregate of 50 or more NJ FamilyCare enrollees or Medicaid recipients:

(1) the employer's name and address, unless the employer has more than one work site, in which case the employer's name and the number of work sites and the counties in which the work sites are located;

(2) the number of NJ FamilyCare enrollees and Medicaid recipients who are employed by the employer;

(3) the number of NJ FamilyCare enrollees and Medicaid recipients who are spouses or dependents of employees of the employer;

(4) whether the employer offers health insurance coverage to its employees; and

(5) the cost to the State of providing NJ FamilyCare and Medicaid coverage for the employer's employees and their dependents.

The commissioner may include comparable information about recipients of other public health care coverage programs, and such other information as he deems appropriate regarding employer-based coverage for persons covered under public insurance programs.

The commissioner shall also include the information compiled by the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services concerning recipients of charity care pursuant to section 2 of P.L.2006, c.87 (C.26:2H-18.55a). With respect to the information provided by the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services, the commissioner, in consultation with the Commissioners of Labor and Workforce Development and Banking and Insurance, shall ascertain whether the employer of a recipient of charity care offers health insurance coverage to its employees. The commissioner shall include that information about employers in the report.

In addition, the commissioner may make any recommendations he deems appropriate for legislative action.

b. The report shall not include the name of any NJ FamilyCare enrollee or Medicaid recipient or any family member of an enrollee or recipient.

c. The commissioner shall submit the report by September 1 of each year to the Governor and the chairmen of the Senate and Assembly standing reference committees on human services, health and appropriations.

C.26:2H-18.55a Compilation of information relative to employed recipients of charity care.

2. a. The Commissioner of Health and Senior Services shall compile, to the extent data are available, the following information about recipients of charity care who are employed:

(1) the employer's name and address;

(2) the number of recipients of charity care who are employed by the employer; and

(3) the cost to the State of providing charity care for the employer's employees and their dependents.

b. In order to compile the information required pursuant to this section, the commissioner may require hospitals and other health care facilities to submit such information as may be necessary for this purpose.

c. The commissioner may include comparable information about recipients of other public health care coverage programs, and such other information as the commissioner deems appropriate regarding employer-based coverage for persons covered under public insurance programs.

d. The information compiled by the commissioner shall not include the name of any charity care recipient or any family member of a recipient.

e. The commissioner shall provide the information required pursuant to this section to the Commissioner of Human Services for inclusion in the annual report on Access to Employer-Based Health Insurance, as provided in section 1 of P.L.2006, c.87 (C.30:4J-17).

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved August 21, 2006.