

CHAPTER 277

AN ACT concerning the “New Jersey Disease Management Study Commission” and amending P.L.2005, c.200.

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

1. Section 3 of P.L.2005, c.200 is amended to read as follows:

3. The commission shall:

a. assess disease management programs to determine their potential to improve individual health, promote quality health care and contain health care costs generally, and more specifically to assess how disease management programs can reduce costs for, and improve the health of persons receiving benefits under, the Medicaid program established pursuant to P.L.1968, c.413 (C.30:4D-1 et seq.) and the NJ FamilyCare Program established pursuant to P.L.2005, c.156 (C.30:4J-8 et al.);

b. identify technologies that it deems are most effective in supporting disease management programs and review, at a minimum, the following: factors which prevent the adoption of, or participation in, disease management programs; financial and non-financial incentives which may encourage employers, insurers and individuals to use disease management programs; specific incentives offered by other states to encourage the use of disease management programs, and their results; and disease management programs implemented by other states, and their results;

c. identify methods to improve public awareness of the effects of indoor pollutants on the health of individuals, and how they are to be identified and eliminated using proper environmental controls;

d. study insurance products that are designed to promote health wellness and methods to promote the wider acceptance of wellness physical and preventive examinations within the medical community; and

e. study various aspects of demand management with respect to health care consumers in order to better understand the reasons that people choose to access the health care system.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved January 13, 2008.