

CHAPTER 113

AN ACT concerning installment payments for maternity services by certain health benefits plans and supplementing various parts of the statutory law.

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

C.17:48-6hh Hospital service corporation to provide installment payments to obstetrical provider for maternity services.

1. a. Every individual or group hospital service corporation contract that provides benefits for maternity services, and that is delivered, issued, executed or renewed in this State or approved for issuance or renewal in this State, by the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance on or after the effective date of this act, shall provide for reimbursement in installments to an obstetrical provider licensed in New Jersey for maternity services rendered during the term of a covered person's pregnancy.

b. For the purposes of this section, "obstetrical provider licensed in New Jersey" means:

- (1) an obstetrician/gynecologist licensed by the State Board of Medical Examiners; or
- (2) a midwife licensed by the State Board of Medical Examiners as a certified midwife or a certified nurse midwife.

c. This section shall apply to all hospital service corporation contracts in which the hospital service corporation has reserved the right to change the premium.

C.17:48A-7ee Individual, group medical service corporation to provide installment payments to obstetrical provider for maternity services.

2. a. Every individual or group medical service corporation contract that provides benefits for maternity services, and that is delivered, issued, executed or renewed in this State, or approved for issuance or renewal in this State by the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance on or after the effective date of this act, shall provide for reimbursement in installments to an obstetrical provider licensed in New Jersey for maternity services rendered during the term of a covered person's pregnancy.

b. For the purposes of this section, "obstetrical provider licensed in New Jersey" means:

- (1) an obstetrician/gynecologist licensed by the State Board of Medical Examiners; or
- (2) a midwife licensed by the State Board of Medical Examiners as a certified midwife or a certified nurse midwife.

c. This section shall apply to all medical service corporation contracts in which the medical service corporation has reserved the right to change the premium.

C.17:48E-35.32 Individual, group health service corporation to provide installment payments to obstetrical provider for maternity services.

3. a. Every individual or group health service corporation contract that provides benefits for maternity services, and that is delivered, issued, executed or renewed in this State, or approved for issuance or renewal in this State by the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance on or after the effective date of this act, shall provide for reimbursement in installments to an obstetrical provider licensed in New Jersey for maternity services rendered during the term of a covered person's pregnancy.

b. For the purposes of this section, "obstetrical provider licensed in New Jersey" means:

- (1) an obstetrician/gynecologist licensed by the State Board of Medical Examiners; or
- (2) a midwife licensed by the State Board of Medical Examiners as a certified midwife or a certified nurse midwife.

c. This section shall apply to all health service corporation contracts in which the health service corporation has reserved the right to change the premium.

C.17B:26-2.1bb Individual health insurance policy to provide installment payments to obstetrical provider for maternity services.

4. a. Every individual health insurance policy that provides benefits for maternity services, and that is delivered, issued, executed or renewed in this State, or approved for issuance or renewal in this State by the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance on or after the effective date of this act, shall provide for reimbursement in installments to an obstetrical provider licensed in New Jersey for maternity services rendered during the term of a covered person's pregnancy.

b. For the purposes of this section, "obstetrical provider licensed in New Jersey" means:

(1) an obstetrician/gynecologist licensed by the State Board of Medical Examiners; or

(2) a midwife licensed by the State Board of Medical Examiners as a certified midwife or a certified nurse midwife.

c. This section shall apply to all individual health insurance policies in which the insurer has reserved the right to change the premium.

C.17B:27-46.1hh Group health insurance policy to provide installment payments to obstetrical provider for maternity services.

5. a. Every group health insurance policy that provides benefits for maternity services, and that is delivered, issued, executed or renewed in this State, or approved for issuance or renewal in this State by the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance on or after the effective date of this act, shall provide for reimbursement in installments to an obstetrical provider licensed in New Jersey for maternity services rendered during the term of a covered person's pregnancy.

b. For the purposes of this section, "obstetrical provider licensed in New Jersey" means:

(1) an obstetrician/gynecologist licensed by the State Board of Medical Examiners; or

(2) a midwife licensed by the State Board of Medical Examiners as a certified midwife or a certified nurse midwife.

c. This section shall apply to all group health insurance policies in which the insurer has reserved the right to change the premium.

C.17B:27A-7.15 Individual health benefits plan to provide installment payments to obstetrical provider for maternity services.

6. a. Every individual health benefits plan that provides benefits for maternity services, and that is delivered, issued, executed or renewed in this State, or approved for issuance or renewal in this State by the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance on or after the effective date of this act, shall provide for reimbursement in installments to an obstetrical provider licensed in New Jersey for maternity services rendered during the term of a covered person's pregnancy.

b. For the purposes of this section, "obstetrical provider licensed in New Jersey" means:

(1) an obstetrician/gynecologist licensed by the State Board of Medical Examiners; or

(2) a midwife licensed by the State Board of Medical Examiners as a certified midwife or a certified nurse midwife.

c. This section shall apply to all individual health benefits plans in which the carrier has reserved the right to change the premium.

C.17B:27A-19.19 Small employer health benefits plan to provide installment payments to obstetrical provider for maternity services.

7. a. Every small employer health benefits plan that provides benefits for maternity services, and that is delivered, issued, executed or renewed in this State, or approved for

issuance or renewal in this State by the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance on or after the effective date of this act, shall provide for reimbursement in installments to an obstetrical provider licensed in New Jersey for maternity services rendered during the term of a covered person's pregnancy.

b. For the purposes of this section, "obstetrical provider licensed in New Jersey" means:

(1) an obstetrician/gynecologist licensed by the State Board of Medical Examiners; or

(2) a midwife licensed by the State Board of Medical Examiners as a certified midwife or a certified nurse midwife.

c. This section shall apply to all small employer health benefits plans in which the carrier has reserved the right to change the premium.

C.26:2J-4.33 Health maintenance organization to provide installment payments to obstetrical provider for maternity services.

8. a. Every certificate of authority to establish and operate a health maintenance organization issued or continued in this State pursuant to P.L.1973, c.337 (C.26:2J-1 et seq.), or approved for issuance or renewal in this State, by the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance, on or after the effective date of this act, for a health maintenance organization which provides benefits for maternity services, shall provide for reimbursement in installments to an obstetrical provider licensed in New Jersey for maternity services rendered during the term of a covered person's pregnancy.

b. For the purposes of this section, "obstetrical provider licensed in New Jersey" means:

(1) an obstetrician/gynecologist licensed by the State Board of Medical Examiners; or

(2) a midwife licensed by the State Board of Medical Examiners as a certified midwife or a certified nurse midwife.

c. This section shall apply to all enrollee agreements in which the health maintenance organization has reserved the right to change the schedule of charges.

C.52:14-17.29o SHBC to provide for installment payments to obstetrical provider for maternity services.

9. a. Within 30 days of the effective date of this act, the State Health Benefits Commission shall provide, in every health benefits plan that provides for maternity services, for reimbursement in installments to an obstetrical provider licensed in New Jersey for maternity services rendered during the term of a covered person's pregnancy.

b. For the purposes of this section, "obstetrical provider licensed in New Jersey" means:

(1) an obstetrician/gynecologist licensed by the State Board of Medical Examiners; or

(2) a midwife licensed by the State Board of Medical Examiners as a certified midwife or a certified nurse midwife.

C.52:14-17.46.6a School Employees' Health Benefits Commission to provide for installment payments to obstetrical provider for maternity services.

10. Within 30 days of the effective date of this act, the School Employees' Health Benefits Commission shall provide, in every health benefits plan that provides for maternity services, for reimbursement in installments to an obstetrical provider licensed in New Jersey for maternity services rendered during the term of a covered person's pregnancy.

b. For the purposes of this section, "obstetrical provider licensed in New Jersey" means:

(1) an obstetrician/gynecologist licensed by the State Board of Medical Examiners; or

(2) a midwife licensed by the State Board of Medical Examiners as a certified midwife or a certified nurse midwife.

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11. The Commissioner of Banking and Insurance shall adopt rules and regulations, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), to effectuate the provisions of sections 1 through 8 of this act.

12. This act shall take effect on the first day of the thirteenth month next following enactment.

Approved August 12, 2009.