

CHAPTER 111

AN ACT concerning certain health benefits plan copayments and supplementing P.L.1997, c.192 (C.26:2S-1 et seq.).

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

C.26:2S-6.2 Waiver of health insurance copayments for certain active duty military and their families.

1. a. Notwithstanding any other law or contract provision to the contrary, if a covered person is a member of the military serving on active duty, or a family member of the covered person on active duty, who is also a covered person under the health benefits plan, a primary care physician or an advanced practice nurse may waive that covered person's copayment that would otherwise be collected as payment for treatment by the primary care physician or the advanced practice nurse for a covered service pursuant to a participating provider contract between the primary care physician or the advanced practice nurse and a carrier providing a health benefits plan.

b. For the purposes of this section, "carrier" shall include, in addition to an insurance company, health service corporation, hospital service corporation, medical service corporation, or health maintenance organization authorized to issue health benefits plans in this State, the State Health Benefits Commission and the School Employees' Health Benefits Commission.

2. This act shall take effect on the 90th day next following enactment and shall apply to health benefits plans that are delivered, issued, executed or renewed, or approved for issuance or renewal in this State, on or after the effective date.

Approved May 10, 2019.