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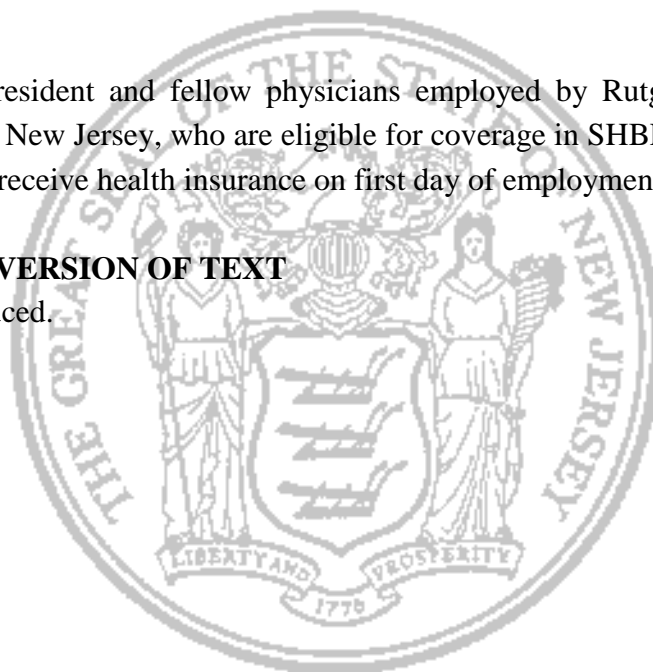
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SYNOPSIS

Requires resident and fellow physicians employed by Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, who are eligible for coverage in SHBP, to be eligible to enroll and receive health insurance on first day of employment.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning effective dates of coverage under the State
2 Health Benefits Program for eligible resident and fellow
3 physicians employed by Rutgers, The State University of New
4 Jersey, and supplementing P.L.1961, c.49 (C.52:14-17.25 et
5 seq.).

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

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10 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, rule, or
11 regulation to the contrary, an eligible resident or fellow physician
12 employed by Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey,
13 including University Hospital, and that person's dependents, shall
14 be eligible to enroll for health care coverage under the State Health
15 Benefits Program on the first day of employment if that
16 employment begins on or after the effective date of this act, P.L. ,
17 c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill). An
18 eligible resident or fellow physician who is employed by Rutgers,
19 The State University of New Jersey, including University Hospital,
20 on the effective date of this act, and that person's dependents, shall
21 be eligible to enroll for health care coverage under the State Health
22 Benefits Program immediately on that effective date.

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24 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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27 STATEMENT

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29 This bill requires that enrollment for health care coverage under
30 the State Health Benefits Program (SHBP) for eligible resident and
31 fellow physicians employed by Rutgers, The State University of
32 New Jersey, including University Hospital, and their dependents, be
33 available on the first day of employment for new hires, and on the
34 bill's effective date for such current employees.

35 Delays in health care coverage and access to life-saving
36 medicine can be dangerous and cause debilitating health care debt
37 during emergencies. In 2020, in response to the COVID-19
38 pandemic, the Governor signed Executive Order 172 allowing
39 public employees to immediately enroll in the SHBP. However, the
40 ability to immediately enroll was eliminated when the Governor
41 later signed Executive Order 244 in 2021, which ended the public
42 health emergency. This bill provides for immediate enrollment for
43 eligible resident and fellow physicians employed by Rutgers, The
44 State University of New Jersey, including University Hospital, and
45 their dependents.