

# ASSEMBLY, No. 2236

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

### 222nd LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2026 SESSION

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblywoman SHANIQUE SPEIGHT**

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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires automatic issuance of credential to provide services in carrier provider network for physicians in good standing in New Jersey.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 AN ACT concerning physicians in carriers' provider networks and  
2 amending P.L.2001, c.88.

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

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7 1. Section 2 of P.L.2001, c.88 (C.26:2S-7.2) is amended to read  
8 as follows:

9 2. **【**Within 180 days of the adoption of the forms by regulation  
10 pursuant to this act, a**】** A carrier which offers a managed care plan  
11 shall accept the universal physician application for participation  
12 form and renewal form adopted pursuant to **【**this act**】** P.L.2001,  
13 c.88 (C.26:2S-7.1 et seq.) for the purpose of credentialing  
14 physicians who seek to participate in the carrier's provider network  
15 and for the purpose of credentialing physicians who are employed  
16 by hospitals or other health care facilities which seek to participate  
17 in the carrier's provider network. An application received for the  
18 purposes of credentialing a physician pursuant to this section, or to  
19 renew a credential, shall be deemed approved if the information  
20 included as part of the application demonstrates the license of the  
21 physician as issued by the State Board of Medical Examiners is in  
22 good standing.

23 Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent a carrier  
24 from requesting additional information from an applicant that is not  
25 provided for in the universal application or renewal form, as  
26 applicable, if the requested information does not duplicate any  
27 information included in the applicable form.

28 (cf: P.L.2001, c.88, s.2)

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30 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be applicable  
31 to applications for credentialing received on or after the effective  
32 date.

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#### STATEMENT

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37 This bill requires approval of an application submitted for  
38 credentialing so a physician can participate in a carrier's provider  
39 network if the application demonstrates that the license of the  
40 physician issued by the State Board of Medical Examiners in New  
41 Jersey is in good standing. This also includes applications for the  
42 renewal of a credential. This is intended to streamline the  
43 credentialing process for physicians licensed in the State.

**EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **【thus】** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

**Matter underlined thus is new matter.**