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## LEGAL SERVICES OF NEW JERSEY NEWSLETTER FOCUSES ON AVAILABLE CONTRACEPTIVE SERVICES

EDISON - The latest newsletter of Legal Services of New Jersey (LSNJ) centers on the availability of public programs and private insurance plans covering a wide expanse of contraceptive services, including a new law that allows people to obtain, without prescription, contraceptive devices from pharmacies.

The bilingual publication, "Looking Out For Your Legal Rights," may be viewed online at www.lsnjlaw.org.

The LSNJ newsletter also features articles focusing on assistance programs for lowincome renters and homeowners impacted by Hurricane Ida, as well as a piece detailing the key public benefit programs available for immigrant without affecting their immigration status.

Contraceptive care includes education, counseling, contraceptives, and follow-up services. It also covers at least one form of birth control in each of 18 different categories, including, for example, intrauterine and oral contraceptives.

It is noted a new state law requires private and Medicaid insurers to provide a 12-month supply of any contraceptive drug, device, or product approved by the Federal Drug Administration.

Further, as of the beginning of this month, New Jerseyans can go to pharmacies throughout the state to buy, without prescriptions, "hormonal contraceptives," including birth control pills, vaginal rings and diaphragms, among others.

Legal Services of New Jersey (LSNJ), located in Edison, heads the state's Legal Services system, a network of six independent nonprofit corporations that provides free essential legal aid in civil matters to lowincome people in all 21 counties.
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