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[Assembly Bill A1036](#), reintroduced in the New Jersey General Assembly on January 9, 2024, would prohibit health insurance payers from using down coding to prevent a healthcare provider from submitting a health benefit claim for the actual services performed. Down coding occurs when a health insurance payer disputes a specific service or argues that a certain diagnosis did not require the specific service code submitted by the health care provider. When down coding occurs, it can significantly reduce revenue for health care providers.

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