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Gov. Christie Whitman today signed legislation that requires insurers to notify applicants for insurance if the applicant tests positive for a reportable communicable disease.

Under the law, if the insurer determines that an applicant has a reportable communicable disease, the insurer must promptly notify the applicant and provide test results information to the applicant's physician and the Department of Health and Senior Services.

The legislation, S-469, was sponsored by Senator Jack Sinagra (R-Middlesex) and Assembly Members Charlotte Vandervalk (R-Bergen) and Gerald Zecker (R-Essex/Passaic).