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Bills Signed Into Law

A2717, Vainieri Huttle (D37); Jasey (D27); Mosquera (D4); Tucker (D28); Garcia (D33); Lampitt (D6) requires a one-time application for requesting services for individuals with developmental disabilities from the Department of Children & Families and the Department of Human Services.

This bill was signed into law by the Governor on December 11, 2014 as P.L.2014, c.78.

A2955, Prieto (D32); Lagana (D38); Andrzejczak (D1); Benson (D14); Mazzeo (D2) Munoz, N. (R21) establishes certain requirements for hospitals regarding patient-designated caregivers.

This bill was signed into law by the Governor on November 13, 2014 as P.L.2014, c.68.

A3815, Green (D22); Burzichelli (D3); Singleton (D7); Johnson (D37); Diegnan (D18); Moriarty (D4); Rible (R30); Dancer (R12); Garcia (D33); Bramnick (R21); Sarlo (D36); Kyrillos (R13) extends for one year the expiration date of certain permits pursuant to the "Permit Extension Act of 2008".

This bill was signed into law by the Governor on December 26, 2014 as P.L.2014, c.84.

**Reminder:
Post OSHA
Illness And
Injury Forms
On Feb. 1 Until
April 30, 2015**

February 1st is the deadline for employers to post the Summary of Occupational Safety & Health Administration Occupational Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses Summary Form 300A, which must remain posted until April 30, 2015. The injuries and illnesses being reported are for calendar year 2014.

Work-related injuries and illnesses that must be reported are those that occur in a work environment and results in one of the following conditions: a loss of consciousness, sick days, medical treatment beyond first aid, restricted work activities, a job transfer, and death. Other conditions that must be recorded are needle stick injuries or cuts from sharp objects as well as sprain and strain injuries to muscles joints and connective tissue according to the OSHA Form 300.

For a complete list of injuries and illness that need to be recorded, go to <https://www.osha.gov/recordkeeping/RKforms.html>

There are forms that can be completed by printing a blank form or forms can be filled out online.

An employer must keep the OSHA's log and summary for five years after the reported year. For example, 2013 must be retained through 2018.



**Advanced
Standing
2015**

The Health Care Association of New Jersey is pleased to announce that 78 applications were submitted for the 2015 Advanced Standing Program, including 70 of the 72 facilities that participated in 2014.

Buildings that participate in the Advanced Standing program must successfully complete a Compliance Visit and participate in the collection of certain quality data, including clinical data that is collected through a Patient Safety Organization (PSO). Examples of such data include falls, medication management, hospitalizations, etc. The Advanced Standing program will again utilize the NJHA Institute for Quality and Patient Safety, a federally certified PSO. Data collected by a PSO is protected and is not subject to legal discovery.

All participating facilities will be required to use the Disclosure Statement that was created by the DOH, HCANJ and other involved associations and interested parties.