

**HCANJ BUSINESS MEETING  
LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATE  
June 5, 2024**

**1. Rule Adoptions**

- **The Department of Health readopted** N.J.A.C. 8:30 with technical changes. These rules, which were scheduled to expire on May 15, 2024, implement the Health Care Professional Responsibility and Reporting Enhancement Act.

Notice of this adoption appears in the May 6, 2024 *New Jersey Register* at 56 N.J.R. 776(a) with an effective date of 56 N.J.R. 602(b). The effective date was March 25, 2024.

**2. Rule Proposals**

- None to Report

**3. Health Care Administration Board**

- None to Report

#### 4. Legislation on Governor's Desk

- None to Report

#### 5. Legislative Activity

**Bill:** A1128

**Sponsors:** DiMaio (R23); Matsikoudis (R21) +2

**Summary:** **Requires criminal history background check for individuals seeking licensure issued by boards regulating certain health care professions.**

**Related:** 2024:S2311; 2022:A5864

**History:** 01/09/2024—Introduced; referred to Assembly Regulated Professions Committee.  
**05/13/2024—Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Assembly.**

**Position:** Monitor

**Notes:** Applies to persons seeking licensure from the State Board of Applied Behavior Analyst Examiners, the State Board of Creative Arts and Activities Therapies, or the State Board of Dietetics and Nutrition.

**Bill:** A2075

**Sponsors:** Pintor Marin (D29); Speight (D29)

**Summary:** **Establishes minimum base NJ FamilyCare per diem reimbursement rate of \$1,100 for special care nursing facility with neurologically impaired young adult unit.**

**Related:** 2024:S2493; 2022:A5832; 2022:S4193

**History:** 01/09/2024—Introduced; referred to Assembly Aging & Human Services Comm.  
**05/06/2024—Reported out of committee, referred to Assembly Health Comm.**

**Position:** Support

**Bill:** A2940

**Sponsors:** Schaer (D36); Auth (R39); Speight (D29) +2

**Summary:** **Establishes minimum Medicaid and NJ FamilyCare reimbursement rate for pediatric special care nursing facilities.**

**Related:** 2024:S2472; 2022:A5617; 2022:S4033

**History:** 01/09/2024—Introduced; referred to Assembly Aging & Human Services Comm.  
**05/06/2024—Reported out of committee, referred to Assembly Health Comm.**

**Position:** Support

**Bill:** A3521 Aca (1R)

**Sponsors:** Quijano (D20); Sampson (D31); Rodriguez (D33)

**Summary:** **Establishes occupational heat stress standard and "Occupational Heat-Related Illness and Injury Prevention Program" in DOLWD.**

**Related:** 2024:S2422; 2022:A5898; 2022:S4243

**History:** 02/05/2024—Introduced and referred to Assembly Labor Committee.  
**05/16/2024—Reported with committee amendments, referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee.**

**Position:** Seek Amendments

**Notes:** Page 6 line 16 – “data on environmental and physiological measurements related to heat” needs to be defined.

**Bill:** A3860 Aca (1R)  
**Sponsors:** Reynolds-Jackson (D15); DeAngelo (D14); Verrelli (D15) +2  
**Summary:** Establishes certain medical billing requirements concerning specific nature of charges or expenses for health care services.  
**Related:** 2024:S2795  
**History:** 02/27/2024—Introduced; referred to Assembly Financial Institutions Committee.  
**05/20/2024—Amended but Not Rep/Aca Afi.**  
**Position:** Oppose  
**Notes:** Requires health care providers, including licensed health care facilities and for nursing services and bed and board, to provide patients or responsible parties with “a consolidated, itemized statement or bill detailing the specific nature of the charges or expenses for the health care services the patient received from the provider....within 30 days after a patient's discharge or release or within seven days after receiving a written request.”

**Bill:** A3861 Aca (1R)  
**Sponsors:** Reynolds-Jackson (D15); DeAngelo (D14); Verrelli (D15); Conaway (D7) +5  
**Summary:** "Louisa Carman Medical Debt Relief Act."  
**Related:** 2024:S2806  
**History:** 02/27/2024—Introduced; referred to Assembly Financial Institutions Committee.  
**05/20/2024—Amended but Not Rep/Aca Afi.**  
**Position:** Oppose  
**Notes:** Prohibits a consumer reporting agency from creating a consumer report containing a patient’s paid medical debt or a medical debt worth less than \$500. However, bill also prohibits a medical creditor or medical debt collector from reporting a patient’s medical debt to any consumer reporting agency, no debt limit specified. The bill also provides certain protections to patients with medical debt from collection actions by medical creditors and medical debt collectors.

**Bill:** S1814 Sca (1R)  
**Sponsors:** McKnight (D31)  
**Summary:** Requires suspension of certification of homemaker-home health aides under certain circumstances.  
**Related:** 2022:A4277; 2020:A658; 2020:S3137; 2018:A1728; 2016:A4735; 2016:S3072  
**History:** 01/09/2024—Introduced and referred to Senate Commerce Committee.  
**05/13/2024—Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.**  
**Position:** Monitor

**Bill:** S1965 Sca (1R)  
**Sponsors:** Vitale (D19); Singer (R30) +2  
**Summary:** Regulates provision of pharmaceutical services in long-term care facilities.  
**Related:** 2024:A588; 2022:A5248; 2022:S3609  
**History:** 01/09/2024—Introduced; referred to Senate Health and Senior Citizens Committee.  
**03/14/2024—Reported with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate.**  
**05/20/2024—Passed in Senate 37-0. Received in Assembly Health Committee.**  
**Position:** Monitor  
**Notes:** Bill was revised to clarify that it codifies existing regulation requiring nursing facilities to retain a consultant pharmacist and does not apply to assisted living and other facilities.

- Bill:** S2188 Scs (SCS)  
**Sponsors:** Ruiz (D29); Greenstein (D14) +1  
**Summary:** Requires DEP, DOH, owners or operators of certain public community water systems, and owners or operators of certain buildings or facilities to take certain actions to prevent and control cases of Legionnaires' disease.  
**Related:** 2024:A1970; 2022:A2836; 2022:S1006; 2020:A1075; 2020:S695; 2018:A5636; 2018:S3965  
**History:** 01/09/2024—Introduced; referred to Senate Health, and Senior Citizens Committee.  
**05/09/2024—Reported out of committee with committee substitute, 2nd reading in Senate. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.**  
**Position:** Monitor
- Bill:** S2310 Sca (1R)  
**Sponsors:** Moriarty (D4); Turner (D15)  
**Summary:** Requires transparency concerning compensation with promotional opportunities and in employment listings.  
**Related:** 2024:A4151; 2022:A3937; 2022:S3663  
**History:** 01/25/2024—Introduced and referred to Senate Labor Committee.  
**05/06/2024—Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.**  
**Position:** Oppose
- Bill:** S2422 Sca (1R)  
**Sponsors:** Cryan (D20)  
**Summary:** Establishes occupational heat stress standard and "Occupational Heat-Related Illness and Injury Prevention Program" in DOLWD.  
**Related:** 2024:A3521; 2022:A5898; 2022:S4243  
**History:** 01/29/2024—Introduced and referred to Senate Labor Committee.  
**05/06/2024—Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.**  
**Position:** Seek Amendments  
**Notes:** Page 6 line 16 – “data on environmental and physiological measurements related to heat” needs to be defined.

## 6. Legislation Scheduled

**Bill:** A3007

**Sponsors:** Hutchison (D4); McCann Stamato (D31)

**Summary:** Increases maximum age for pediatric long-term care facility residents to 26.

**Related:** 2024:A3646; 2022:A5067; 2022:S3200

**History:** 01/09/2024—Introduced and referred to Assembly Health Committee.

**Scheduled:** 06/03/2024—Assembly Health Committee.

**Position:** Review

**Bill:** A3857

**Sponsors:** Morales (D34); Reynolds-Jackson (D15); Sampson (D31) +1

**Summary:** Allows social worker to acquire four hours of continuing education credit for volunteering as poll worker.

**Related:** 2024:S2985

**History:** 02/27/2024—Introduced; referred to Assembly Regulated Professions Committee.

**Scheduled:** 06/03/2024—Assembly Regulated Professions Committee.

**Position:** Monitor

**Bill:** A4134

**Sponsors:** Speight (D29); Sumter (D35); Atkins (D20) +2

**Summary:** Requires homemaker-home health aide and nursing assistant certification examinations to be translated into multiple languages.

**Related:** 2024:S3133

**History:** 04/04/2024—Introduced; referred to Assembly Regulated Professions Committee.

**Scheduled:** 06/03/2024—Assembly Regulated Professions Committee.

**Position:** Support

**Bill:** A4150

**Sponsors:** Speight (D29); Stanley (D18)

**Summary:** Permits certified nurse aides to be employed as personal care assistants.

**History:** 04/04/2024—Introduced; referred to Assembly Regulated Professions Committee.

**Scheduled:** 06/03/2024—Assembly Regulated Professions Committee.

**Position:** Review

**Bill:** A519

**Sponsors:** DeAngelo (D14)

**Summary:** Requires employers to post information concerning veterans' benefits and services.

**Related:** 2024:S2075; 2022:A5694; 2022:S4077

**History:** 01/09/2024—Introduced; referred to Assembly Military & Veterans' Affairs Comm.

**Scheduled:** 06/06/2024—Assembly Military and Veterans Affairs Committee.

**Position:** Monitor

**Bill:** A1144  
**Sponsors:** Murphy (D7) +2  
**Summary:** Waives certain professional and occupational licensing fees for veterans and spouses of veterans.  
**Related:** 2022:A833; 2022:S3151; 2020:A525; 2018:A373; 2018:S2448; 2016:A829; 2014:A2460; 2012:A4572  
**History:** 01/09/2024—Introduced; referred to Assembly Military & Veterans' Affairs Comm.  
**Scheduled:** 06/06/2024—Assembly Military and Veterans Affairs Committee.  
**Position:** Monitor

**Bill:** A4151  
**Sponsors:** Danielsen (D17); Quijano (D20); McCoy (D14) +1  
**Summary:** Requires transparency concerning compensation with promotional opportunities and in employment listings.  
**Related:** 2024:S2310; 2022:A3937; 2022:S3663  
**History:** 04/04/2024—Introduced and referred to Assembly Labor Committee.  
**Scheduled:** 06/06/2024—Assembly Labor Committee.  
**Position:** Oppose

**Bill:** S2920  
**Sponsors:** Bramnick (R21)  
**Summary:** Requires parity in Medicaid reimbursement rates for certain routine inpatient hospice room and board services.  
**History:** 03/07/2024—Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.  
**Scheduled:** 06/06/2024—Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.  
**Position:** Support

## 7. Legislation Introduced

**Bill:** A4293  
**Sponsors:** Dunn (R25)  
**Summary:** Establishes initiatives related to behavioral health care, including increasing reimbursement rates, providing cost-of-living adjustments, establishing grant programs for facility upkeep and provider training, and relaxing clinical supervision requirement.  
**Related:** 2024:S2581; 2022:A5666; 2022:S3918  
**History:** 05/06/2024—Introduced and referred to Assembly Health Committee.  
**Position:** Review

**Bill:** A4301  
**Sponsors:** Miller (D4); Carter (D22); Venezia (D34) +3  
**Summary:** Expands Tuition Aid Grant program to include workforce training programs.  
**Related:** 2024:S3229  
**History:** 05/10/2024—Introduced and referred to Assembly Education Committee.  
**Position:** Review

**Bill:** A4329  
**Sponsors:** Speight (D29); Atkins (D20)  
**Summary:** Requires court to consider certain factors in appointing guardian and to justify guardianship appointment on record.

**Related:** 2024:S1827; 2022:A5131  
**History:** 05/10/2024—Introduced; referred to Assembly Aging & Human Services Comm.  
**Position:** Review

**Bill:** A4333  
**Sponsors:** Speight (D29); Atkins (D20)  
**Summary:** Requires Medicaid and health insurance network contracts to provide participating health care providers with certain notifications.

**History:** 05/10/2024—Introduced; referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance.  
**Position:** Review

**Notes:** Requires a contract between a health care provider and a carrier that offers a managed care plan or the State Medicaid program or FamilyCare Health Coverage Program to require the carrier or program to provide a participating health care provider with notice at least six months in advance of any change in the policy that could result in the denial of coverage for services provided by the provider to a covered person.

**Bill:** A4388  
**Sponsors:** Speight (D29); Tucker (D28); Reynolds-Jackson (D15) +1  
**Summary:** Allows court to consider previous care when granting letters of guardianship for incapacitated person.

**Related:** 2024:S1829; 2022:A5133  
**History:** 05/16/2024—Introduced; referred to Assembly Aging & Human Services Comm.  
**Position:** Review

**Bill:** A4415  
**Sponsors:** Flynn (R13); Scharfenberger (R13)  
**Summary:** Requires long-term care facilities to submit reports regarding residents with disabilities.

**Related:** 2024:S913; 2022:A4541; 2022:S838; 2020:A5253; 2020:S3369  
**History:** 05/16/2024—Introduced and referred to Assembly Aging and Human Services Committee.

**Position:** Oppose  
**Notes:** Bill requires each long-term care facility [within 60 days of enactment] to report the total number of residents with a disability, the number of residents with each category of disability, which categories are to be determined by the Department of Health in consultation with the Department of Human Services [Would they even have the categories identified in time for facilities to report within 60 days?!], and the ranges in age of residents with each category of disability. Thereafter, a long-term care facility is to report to the Department of Health whenever there is a change in the total number of residents with a disability [that would be regular occurrence!], the number of residents with each category of disability, and the ranges in age of residents with each category of disability.

The bill defines "long-term care facility" to mean a nursing home, assisted living residence, comprehensive personal care home, residential health care facility, or dementia care home licensed pursuant to P.L.1971, c.136 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.).

**Bill:** A4451  
**Sponsors:** Sumter (D35)  
**Summary:** Establishes Task Force on Aging in State of New Jersey in DOH.  
**History:** 05/20/2024—Proposed for introduction.  
**Position:** Review

**Bill:** S3143  
**Sponsors:** Singer (R30); McKnight (D31) +1  
**Summary:** Requires hospitals and nursing homes to provide access to certain interpreter services for deaf and hard of hearing.  
**Related:** 2024:A4292  
**History:** 05/06/2024—Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.  
**Position:** Review

**Bill:** S3160  
**Sponsors:** McKnight (D31) +1  
**Summary:** Establishes guardianship monitoring program in Office of Public Guardian for Elderly Adults.  
**Related:** 2024:A1163; 2022:A2282; 2020:A4994; 2020:S3135; 2018:A824; 2018:S1062; 2016:A813; 2016:S1611; 2014:A3594; 2014:S2329  
**History:** 05/09/2024—Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.  
**Position:** Support  
**Comments:** Public Guardian could put a fire under private guardians who aren't following through with Medicaid applications.

**Bill:** S3166  
**Sponsors:** McKnight (D31)  
**Summary:** Concerns registration and operation of temporary nurse staffing agencies.  
**History:** 05/09/2024—Introduced and referred to Senate Commerce Committee.  
**Position:** Support  
**Notes:** HCANJ requested legislation.

**Bill:** S3167  
**Sponsors:** McKnight (D31); Corrado (R40)  
**Summary:** Requires Veterans' Memorial Homes to develop and maintain emergency preparedness and response plans.  
**Related:** 2024:A4180  
**History:** 05/09/2024—Introduced; referred to Senate Military & Veterans' Affairs Committee.  
**Position:** Monitor

**Bill:** S3169  
**Sponsors:** McKnight (D31)  
**Summary:** Increases regulation of State veterans' memorial homes.  
**Related:** 2024:A4179  
**History:** 05/09/2024—Introduced; referred to Senate Military & Veterans' Affairs Committee.  
**Position:** Monitor



**Bill:** S3193  
**Sponsors:** Ruiz (D29)  
**Summary:** Revises responsibilities and duties of Nursing Home Administrator's Licensing Board.  
**Related:** 2024:A4088  
**History:** 05/09/2024—Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.  
**Position:** Support  
**Notes:** HCANJ requested legislation

**Bill:** S3195  
**Sponsors:** Smith (D17)  
**Summary:** Prohibits food service businesses from providing single-use plastic utensils and condiments to customers, except upon request, and requires certain food service businesses to provide reusable, washable utensils to customers eating on site.  
**Related:** 2022:A5331  
**History:** 05/06/2024—Introduced and referred to Senate Environment and Energy Committee.  
**Position:** Seek Amendments  
**Notes:** Amend to permit use of plastic utensils during time of infectious outbreaks or outdoor recreational activities and family picnics.

**Bill:** S3200  
**Sponsors:** Gopal (D11)  
**Summary:** Revises infection control regulation in long-term care facilities.  
**Related:** 2024:A4149  
**History:** 05/09/2024—Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.  
**Position:** Support  
**Notes:** HCANJ requested legislation

**Bill:** S3229  
**Sponsors:** Cryan (D20); Amato (R9) +1  
**Summary:** Expands Tuition Aid Grant program to include workforce training programs.  
**Related:** 2024:A4301  
**History:** 05/13/2024—Introduced and referred to Senate Higher Education Committee.  
**Position:** Review

**Bill:** S3260  
**Sponsors:** Tiver (R8)  
**Summary:** Establishes program within veterans' memorial homes to provide support to families of residents.  
**Related:** 2024:A4184  
**History:** 05/16/2024—Introduced and referred to Senate Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee.  
**Position:** Monitor

**Bill:** S3262  
**Sponsors:** Tiver (R8)  
**Summary:** Establishes program for recruitment, training, and retention of health care professionals in veterans memorial homes; appropriates \$370,000.

**Related:** 2024:A4183  
**History:** 05/16/2024—Introduced and referred to Senate Labor Committee.  
**Position:** Monitor

**Bill:** S3319  
**Sponsors:** Amato (R9)  
**Summary:** Increases personal needs allowance to \$140 for low-income persons residing in certain facilities.

**Related:** 2024:A3908  
**History:** 05/20/2024—Proposed for introduction.  
**Position:** Monitor  
**Notes:** Increases PNA for nursing home Medicaid beneficiaries from current \$50 to \$140.

**Bill:** S3349  
**Sponsors:** Singer (R30); Zwicker (D16)  
**Summary:** Establishes New Jersey Workforce Industry Needs Scholarship.

**Related:** 2024:A333; 2022:A5052  
**History:** 05/20/2024—Proposed for introduction.  
**Position:** Support  
**Notes:** Establishes the New Jersey Workforce Industry Needs Scholarship, which will provide opportunities to students pursuing professional certificates, industry-recognized credentials, diplomas, or degrees from eligible programs at a county college or county vocational school in the State.

**Bill:** S3350  
**Sponsors:** Singer (R30)  
**Summary:** Establishes the New Jersey School Counts County College Scholarship Program.

**Related:** 2024:A438; 2022:A374; 2020:A308; 2018:A596; 2016:A3095; 2014:A2806  
**History:** 05/20/2024—Proposed for introduction.  
**Position:** Support  
**Notes:** Workforce Development! This bill establishes the New Jersey School Counts County College Scholarship Program in the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority. Under the program, a student who graduates from a participating public or nonpublic high school located in this State who has satisfied certain attendance, punctuality, and academic criteria during high school will be eligible to receive a two-year scholarship to a county college.

**Bill:** S3356  
**Summary:** Amends "Domestic Workers' Bill of Rights Act" to exclude full-time students and au pairs from definition of domestic worker and remove joint and several liability provision from law.

**History:** 05/20/2024—Proposed for introduction.  
**Position:** Seek Amendments  
**Notes:** Amend to exclude hospice staff.

**Bill:** S3361  
**Sponsors:** Singer (R30)  
**Summary:** Provides that biennial renewal of license or certificate issued by New Jersey Board of Nursing is due on professional's birthday.  
**Related:** 2024:A3403; 2022:A2185; 2020:A1786; 2020:S928; 2018:A4467; 2018:S523  
**History:** 05/20/2024—Proposed for introduction.  
**Position:** Monitor

**Bill:** S3373  
**Sponsors:** Vitale (D19)  
**Summary:** Requires long-term care facility to post certain information on its Internet website regarding Office of State Long-Term Care Ombudsman.  
**Related:** 2024:A1839; 2022:A2792; 2022:S1061; 2020:A5675; 2020:S4159  
**History:** 05/20/2024—Proposed for introduction.  
**Position:** Review  
**Notes:** Requires long-term care facilities to post on its Internet website information regarding the Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman (ombudsman), which shall include information on the general duties of the ombudsman, the role of the ombudsman in advocating for the residents of the long-term care facility, and the ombudsman's contact information.