

**HCANJ BUSINESS MEETING
LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATE
July 9, 2025**

1. Rule Adoptions

- None to report

2. Rule Proposals

- None to report

3. Health Care Administration Board

- None to report

4. Legislation Enacted into Law

- Bill:** A5810
- Sponsors:** Pintor Marin (D29); Donlon (D11); McKeon (D27); McKnight (D31) +4
- Summary:** Promotes equity in health insurance appeal process.
- Related:** 2024:S4660
- History:** 06/27/2025—Introduced and referred to Assembly Budget Committee. Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Assembly.
06/30/2025—Passed in Assembly 80-0-0. Received in Senate w/o committee reference, 2nd reading in Senate. Substituted for S-4660. **Passed in Senate 39-0** and sent to Governor. **Signed by the Governor P.L.2025, c.75.**
- Position:** Monitor
- Note:** This bill eliminates fees for appeals against health insurance carriers pursuant to the Independent Health Care Appeals Program. This bill is in response to the Governor’s Fiscal Year 2026 budget recommendations to enact legislation to permanently eliminate fees for consumer appeals against insurance carriers that deny, reduce, or terminate benefits
- Bill:** S2026 (LIV)
- Sponsors:** Sarlo (D36); Pintor Marin (D29); Park (D37)
- Summary:** Appropriates \$58,782,119,000 in State funds and \$31,007,261,743 in federal funds for the State budget for fiscal year 2026.
- Related:** 2024:A5800
- History:** 06/26/2025—Introduced and referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee. Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Senate.
06/30/2025—Passed in Senate 26-13. Received in Assembly w/o committee reference. Substituted for A-5800. **Passed in Assembly 52-27-1** and sent to Governor. **Signed by the Governor w/line-item veto P.L.2025, c.74.**
- Position:** Seek Amendments

5. Legislation on Governor’s Desk

- Bill:** A5130
- Sponsors:** Schnall (D30); Karabinchak (D18); Calabrese (D36); Moriarty (D4); Wimberly (D35) +4
- Summary:** Requires enforcing agency to conduct inspection of construction in specified time window.
- Related:** 2024:S4128
- History:** 12/16/2024—Introduced to Assembly State and Local Government Committee.
 01/23/2025—Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Assembly.
 01/30/2025—Passed in Assembly 71-4-0.
 02/03/2025—Received in Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee.
 03/17/2025—Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Senate. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.
 06/26/2025—Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Senate.
06/30/2025—Substituted for S-4128. Passed in Senate and sent to Governor 37-2.
- Position:** Support

6. Legislative Activity

Bill: A1888 AcaAca (2R)
Sponsors: Verrelli (D15); Atkins (D20) +4
Summary: Provides certain protections to residents of long-term care facilities.
Related: 2024:S1962; 2022:A5194; 2022:S3606
History: 01/09/2024—Introduced and referred to Assembly Aging and Human Services Committee.
 05/08/2025—Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.
 05/15/2025—Recommitted to Assembly Health Committee.
06/12/2025—Reported with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.
Position: Oppose
Note: Requires standard admission agreements.

Bill: A3007
Sponsors: Hutchison (D4); McCann Stamato (D31); Speight (D29) +8
Summary: Increases maximum age for pediatric long-term care facility residents to 26.
Related: 2024:A3646; 2024:S4090; 2022:A5067; 2022:S3200
History: 01/09/2024—Introduced and referred to Assembly Health Committee.
 06/03/2024—Reported out of committee, referred to Assembly Children, Families and Food Security Committee.
 01/23/2025—Reported out of committee, referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee.
 06/19/2025—Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Assembly.
06/30/2025—Passed in Assembly 79-0-0.
Position: Support

Bill: A3609
Sponsors: Murphy (D7) +1
Summary: Concerns professional licensing and application fees for spouse or dependent of active duty member of United States Armed Forces.
Related: 2024:S665; 2022:A482; 2022:S1264; 2020:A3643; 2020:S61; 2018:S3664
History: 02/12/2024—Introduced to Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee.
06/16/2025—Reported out of committee, referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee.
Position: Monitor

Bill: A5213 Aca (1R)
Sponsors: Venezia (D34); Atkins (D20); Reynolds-Jackson (D15) +2
Summary: Establishes "New Economy Opportunity Skills System Pilot Program" to strengthen alignment and collaboration between local workforce development boards, community colleges, and county vocational school districts; makes appropriation.
Related: 2024:S4012
History: 01/16/2025—Introduced and referred to Assembly Higher Education Committee.
 02/10/2025—Reported out of committee, referred to Assembly Appropriations.
 02/20/2025—Reported with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.
06/30/2025—Passed in Assembly 79-0-0.
Position: Support

Bill: A5877
Sponsors: Greenwald (D6) +1
Summary: Revises assessment imposed on nursing homes if permissible under federal law.
Related: 2024:S4635
History: 06/23/2025—Introduced to Assembly Aging and Human Services Committee.
 06/26/2025—Transferred to Assembly Budget Committee. Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Assembly.
06/30/2025—Passed in Assembly 76-1-3.
Position: Support
Notes: Support but prefer that this be done through budget language.

Bill: S1962 ScaAca (2R)
Sponsors: Vitale (D19); Singer (R30) +1
Summary: Provides certain protections to residents of long-term care facilities.
Related: 2024:A1888; 2022:A5194; 2022:S3606
History: 01/09/2024—Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.
 03/14/2024—Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate.
 03/18/2024—Passed in Senate 36-0. Received in Assembly and referred to Assembly Aging and Human Services Committee.
 05/08/2025—Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Assembly.
06/12/2025—Recommitted to Assembly Health Committee. Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.
Position: Oppose
Note: Requires standard admission agreements.

Bill: S3319
Sponsors: Amato (R9); Zwicker (D16) +6
Summary: Increases personal needs allowance to \$140 for low-income persons residing in certain facilities.
Related: 2024:A3908
History: 06/03/2024—Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.
 10/07/2024—Reported out of committee. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.
06/26/2025—Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Senate.
Position: Support
Notes: Increases PNA for nursing home Medicaid beneficiaries from current \$50 to \$140.

Bill: S3931 Sca (1R)
Sponsors: Cryan (D20)
Summary: Updates requirements for licensure in occupational therapy.
Related: 2024:A4903
History: 12/09/2024—Introduced and referred to Senate Commerce Committee.
 05/22/2025—Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.
 06/09/2025—Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Senate.
06/30/2025—Passed in Senate 34-5.
Position: Monitor

Bill: S4387
Sponsors: Lagana (D38); Beach (D6) +1
Summary: **Requires establishment of tracking system in Division of Consumer Affairs to determine compliance with continuing education requirements.**
Related: 2024:A5715
History: 05/19/2025—Introduced and referred to Senate Commerce Committee.
05/22/2025—Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Senate. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.
06/26/2025—Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Senate.
06/30/2025—Passed in Senate 39-0.
Position: Monitor

7. Legislation Introduced

Bill: A5734
Sponsors: Barlas (R40); DePhillips (R40) +1
Summary: **Provides gross income tax deduction for certain wages of qualified health care professionals employed by health care entities.**
History: 06/12/2025—Introduced and referred to Assembly Regulated Professions Committee.
Position: Review
Notes: Support? This bill allows a qualified health care professional employed by a health care entity in the State to deduct from their gross income for the taxable year an amount equal to 25 percent of the hourly wages paid by a health care entity to the health care professional during the taxable year.

Bill: A5793
Sponsors: Greenwald (D6)
Summary: **Prohibits health insurance carriers from denying payment of claim while seeking coordination of benefits information.**
History: 06/16/2025—Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.
Position: Support
Notes: Good for Medicare and private insurance rehab?

Bill: A5832
Sponsors: Hutchison (D4)
Summary: **Prohibits health insurance carriers from making certain changes to contract with network providers during term of contract.**
History: 06/16/2025—Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.
Position: Support
Note: This bill prohibits a health insurance carrier from making any changes to a contract that the carrier has with its network providers that would reduce the reimbursement to a provider during the term of the contract.

Bill: A5849
Sponsors: Miller (D4)
Summary: Establishes New Jersey Government Restructuring and Modernization Commission.

History: 06/19/2025—Introduced and referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee.

Position: Monitor

Bill: A5853
Sponsors: Miller (D4); Drulis (D16)

Summary: Establishes New Jersey Regulatory Modernization Commission.

History: 06/19/2025—Introduced to Assembly State and Local Government Committee.

Position: Monitor

Bill: A5914

Sponsors: Donlon (D11)

Summary: Revises definition of health care professional in aggravated assault statute to match definition under "Health Care Heroes Violence Prevention Act."

Related: 2024:S4715

History: 06/30/2025—Proposed for introduction.

Position: Review

Bill: S4635

Sponsors: Vitale (D19)

Summary: Revises assessment imposed on nursing homes if permissible under federal law.

Related: 2024:A5877

History: 06/23/2025—Introduced and referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.

Position: Support

Notes: Support but prefer that this be done through budget language.

Bill: S4651

Sponsors: Vitale (D19)

Summary: Requires Medicaid coverage for continuous glucose monitors and related supplies for individuals diagnosed with diabetes who meet certain coverage eligibility criteria.

History: 06/23/2025—Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

Position: Review

Bill: S4684

Sponsors: Mukherji (D32)

Summary: Establishes certain data privacy protection requirements for consumer health data, health care providers, and patients.

History: 06/30/2025—Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

Position: Review