
A few notes about this report:

1. Bills are organized into specific telehealth "topic area".
2. The Fiscal Note (FN) Outlook: The left hand column indicates the bill’s Pre-Floor Score, and the right hand column indicates the bill’s actual Floor Score of the last chamber it was in (either Senate or House).
3. Regulations are listed at the end in order of their publication date.
4. If you would like to learn more about any piece of legislation or regulation, the bill numbers and regulation titles are clickable and link out to additional information.

All Bills (by topic)

**Broadband (1)**
Title
Relates to the public service commission reviewing broadband and fiber optic services within the state

Description
Requires the public service commission to review broadband and fiber optic services within the state and requires the expansion of broadband and fiber optic services.

Primary Sponsors
Jen Metzger

Bill Summary:
Requires the public service commission to review the status of broadband and fiber optic services within the state and to construct and install those services in communities in which such services are absent.

Introduction Date: 2019-05-13

Cross-State Licensing (16)

Title
AN ACT CONCERNING MEMBERSHIP IN THE NURSE LICENSURE COMPACT.

Description
To require the Department of Public Health to determine the feasibility of becoming a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact.

Primary Sponsors
Joint Committee on Public Health

Bill Summary:
Enacts the Nurse Licensure Compact.

Introduction Date: 2020-03-05

Title
An Act relative to nurse licensure compacts

Description
By Mr. Boncore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 103) of Joseph A. Boncore and Kay Khan for legislation relative to nurse licensure compacts. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Primary Sponsors
Joe Boncore

Bill Summary:
Enacts the Nurse Licensure Compact.

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Title
Enters New Jersey into Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact.

Primary Sponsors
Vin Gopal

Bill Summary: Enters New Jersey into the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact.
Introduction Date: 2020-06-04

State
NJ

Bill Number
S 2506

Last Action
Introduced In The Senate Referred To Senate Health Human Services And Senior Citizens Committee 2020 06 04

Status
In Senate

Title
Enacts the military spouse act of 2019

Description
Enacts the military spouse act of 2019, which: requires a workshop to investigate and report about licensing and the difficulties encountered by military spouses (Part A); authorizes the state to certify persons to teach who are not graduates of teacher education programs (Part B); adopts the interstate nursing licensure compact (Part C); and authorizes licensing of military spouses with out-of-state licenses in equivalent occupations (Part D).

Primary Sponsors
Brian Miller

Bill Summary: Adopts the Interstate Nursing Licensure Compact.
Introduction Date: 2019-02-04

State
NY

Bill Number
A 4552

Last Action
Referred To Higher Education 2020 01 08

Status
In Assembly

Bill Summary: Enacts the interstate medical licensure compact.
Introduction Date: 2020-02-20

State
NY

Bill Number
A 9859

Last Action
Referred To Higher Education 2020 02 20

Status
In Assembly

Bill Summary: Enacts the interstate medical licensure compact.
Introduction Date: 2020-02-20

Primary Sponsors
Phil Palmesano
Title
Enacts the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact

Description
Enacts the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact; provides a streamlined process that allows physicians to become licensed in multiple participating states, thereby enhancing the portability of a medical license and ensuring the safety of patients.

Primary Sponsors
Tom O'Mara

Bill Summary: Enacts the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact.
Introduction Date: 2020-02-11

Title
An Act Relating To Making Appropriations In Support Of Fy 2021

Primary Sponsors
Marvin Abney

Bill Summary: Enacts the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact in Rhode Island.
Introduction Date: 2020-01-16

Title
An Act Relating To Businesses And Professions -- Nurse Licensure Compact (Amends The Nurse Licensure Compact And Adopts An Enhanced Version Of The Act, To Allow Nurses To Hold A Multi-State License Which Would Allow Them To Practice Across State Lines Without Having To Obtain Multiple Licenses.)

Primary Sponsors
Brian Kennedy, Marvin Abney, Camille Vella Wilkinson, Samuel Azzinaro, James McLaughlin

Bill Summary: Enacts the Nurse Licensure Compact.
Introduction Date: 2020-01-31

Demonstrations, Grants & Pilot Projects (10)
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### Title
An Act addressing barriers to care for mental health

### Description
SENATE, February 6, 2020 - The committee on Senate Ways and Means to whom was referred the Senate Bill relative to mental health parity implementation (Senate, No. 588) (also based on Senate, No. 1148), - reports, recommending that the same ought to pass with an amendment substituting a new draft entitled "An Act addressing barriers to care for mental health" (Senate, No. 2519).

### Primary Sponsors
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

### Bill Summary
Requires the Department to establish a pilot program to increase student access to telebehavioral health services in schools.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-02-06

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### Primary Sponsors
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

### Bill Summary
Creates the psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner fellowship pilot program, which incorporates live video conferencing.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-02-06

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### Title
Resolve, To Increase Access to Brain Injury Waiver Services

### Primary Sponsors
Charlotte Warren

### Bill Summary
Requires the Department of Health and Human Services to explore opportunities to provide additional reimbursable services using telehealth to members receiving services under the brain injury waiver administered by the departments office of age and disability services.

**Introduction Date:** 2019-02-26
### Bill Summary:
The Department of Health shall develop and implement any pilot program necessary to improve response times when a law enforcement officer requests assistance in intervening with a person experiencing a mental health crisis. The department also shall develop and implement any pilot program necessary to expand the availability of mental health screening services in emergent situations by using mobile response units and telemedicine, and assigning licensed health care professionals to high-volume courts and county jails.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-03-16

### Bill Summary:
Requires the Department of Health to develop and implement any pilot program necessary to expand the availability of mental health screening services in emergent situations by using mobile response units and telemedicine.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-01-14

### Bill Summary:
Requires the State Board of Medical Examiners to develop a program to promote the use of medication-assisted treatment. At a minimum, the program shall (among other things) provide technical assistance and additional training to physicians seeking to use medication-assisted treatment to treat individuals with substance use disorders but who require or request additional support in the use of medication-assisted treatment, which support and assistance may include the use of telehealth and telemedicine to provide remote consultations with addiction medicine specialists.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-02-13
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**Title**
Establishes the sexual assault forensic examination telemedicine pilot program

**Description**
Establishes the sexual assault forensic examination telemedicine pilot program to provide expert, comprehensive, compassionate care to patients and training to support providers in health care facilities that do not have a designated sexual assault forensic examination program.

**Primary Sponsors**
Alleen Gunther

**Bill Summary:**
Establishes the sexual assault forensic examination telemedicine pilot program to provide expert, comprehensive, compassionate care to patients and training to support providers in health care facilities that do not have a designated sexual assault forensic examination program.

**Introduction Date:** 2019-01-28

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**Title**
Relates to a study to analyze the adequacy of health networks and the delivery of gerontologic services and senior health care in New York state

**Description**
Directs the commissioner of health to conduct a study to analyze the adequacy of health networks and the delivery of gerontologic services and senior health care in New York state.

**Primary Sponsors**
Sandy Galef

**Bill Summary:**
Directs the commissioner of health to conduct a study to analyze the adequacy of health networks and the delivery of gerontologic services and senior health care. The study shall consider, among other things, transportation concerns, the utilization of telehealth and telemedicine in senior populations, and the availability of specialized practitioners.

**Introduction Date:** 2019-03-11

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**Title**
Relates to telepsychiatry

**Description**
Relates to telepsychiatry and requires a study, report and recommendations regarding geriatric social isolation.

**Primary Sponsors**
Sue Serino

**Bill Summary:**
Establishes a definition for telepsychiatry for its use in homebound or socially isolated geriatric populations. Requires the State Office for the Aging and the Department of Health to conduct a study to provide recommendations on identifying social isolation, including the development of telehealth programs to meet the needs of homebound or socially isolated geriatric patients.

**Introduction Date:** 2019-05-02
Enacts into law major components of legislation necessary to implement the state health and mental hygiene budget for the 2020-2021 state fiscal year

Description
Enacts into law major components of legislation necessary to implement the state health and mental hygiene budget for the 2020-2021 state fiscal year; relates to extending effectiveness of various payment provisions relating to healthcare (Part A); repeals the department of health’s requirement to audit the number of working hours for a hospital resident (Part B); relates to creating a pay and pursue model within the early intervention program (Part C); relates to limiting the availability of enhanced quality of adult living program (“EQUAL”) grants (Part D); relates to eliminating certain health department programs, transfers the autism awareness and research fund to the office for people with developmental disabilities, and transfers responsibility for the comprehensive care centers for eating disorders to the office of mental health (Part E); relates to electronic prescriptions, in relation to the effectiveness thereof; relates to limiting the method of payment for prescription drugs under the medical assistance program, in relation to the effectiveness thereof; relates to continuing nursing home upper payment limit payments; relates to encouraging comprehensive health services, in relation to the effectiveness thereof; relates to allowing for the use of funds of the office of professional medical conduct for activities of the patient health information and quality improvement act of 2000, in relation to extending the provisions thereof; relates to the statewide health information network of New York and the statewide planning and research cooperative system and general powers and duties, in relation to the effectiveness thereof; relates to reimbursement to participating provider pharmacies and prescription drug coverage, in relation to extending the expiration of certain provisions thereof; relates to issuance of certificates of authority to accountable care organizations; relates to authorizing the commissioner of health to apply federally established consumer price index penalties for generic drugs, and authorizing the commissioner of health to impose penalties on managed care plans for reporting late or incorrect encounter data, in relation to the effectiveness of certain provisions thereof; relates to supplemental rebates, in relation to the effectiveness thereof; relates to participation and membership in a demonstration period; relates to fiscal intermediary services for the consumer directed personal assistance program, in relation to the effectiveness thereof; relates to rates for residential health care facilities, in relation to extending the effectiveness of certain provisions thereof; relates to medical reimbursement and welfare reform, in relation to extending the effectiveness of certain provisions thereof; relates to adjustments of... (click bill link to see more).

Primary Sponsors
Senate Committee on Budget and Revenues
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**Title**
AN ACT EXPANDING ACCESS TO MEDICAL SPECIALISTS FOR MEDICAID BENEFICIARIES IN SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT.

**Description**
To ensure adequate access to medical specialists in southeastern Connecticut.

**Primary Sponsors**
Christine Conley

**Bill Summary:** Amends statute to expand telehealth services under Medicaid to ensure adequate access to medical specialists.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-02-06

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**Title**
An Act To Improve and Modernize Home-based Care

**Primary Sponsors**
Michele Meyer

**Bill Summary:** Requires that the department provide reimbursement for telehealth or telemonitoring private duty nursing, home health services and personal care services for an adult MaineCare member with a physical disability or an adult who is elderly who is receiving MaineCare services under a waiver granted by the federal Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for home-based and community-based services or state-funded home-based and community-based support services.

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**Title**
An Act To Promote Telehealth

**Primary Sponsors**
Geoff Gratwick

**Bill Summary:** Provides for reimbursement of case management services delivered through telehealth to targeted populations. The bill also clarifies that telehealth services reimbursable under a health plan or the MaineCare program include consultation between health professionals regarding a patient, whether the consultation occurs in real time or asynchronously.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-01-08

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**Title**
relative to the health care workforce and making appropriations therefor.

**Bill Summary:** Amends the definitions and services covered through telemedicine. Addresses Medicaid and private payers.

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**Title**

relative to telemedicine coverage and reimburments.

**Primary Sponsors**

Jay Kahn

**Bill Summary:** Requires NH Medicaid to provide coverage and reimbursement for health care services on the same basis it is provided for health care services provided in person. The combined amount of the distant and originating site fees shall not be less than the total amount allowed for health services delivered in person. It also requires health plans to provide coverage and reimbursement of health care services provided over telemedicine on the same basis as services provided in person. The insurer shall provide a reasonable facility fee to an originating site. The combined amount of the distant and originating site fee shall not be less than the total amount allowed for health care services provided in person.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-01-02

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**Title**

Provides for Medicaid coverage and reimbursement for mental health services provided through telepsychiatry.

**Primary Sponsors**

Ron Dancer, Valerie Vainieri Huttle, Anthony Verrelli

**Bill Summary:** Provides for Medicaid coverage and reimbursement for mental health services provided through telepsychiatry.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-02-20

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**Title**

Requires Medicaid coverage for testing and treatment of coronavirus disease 2019.

**Primary Sponsors**

Joe Lagana, Joe Vitale

**Bill Summary:** Requires Medicaid coverage for testing and treatment of coronavirus disease 2019.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-03-16

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**Title**

Requires health insurance and Medicaid coverage for testing of coronavirus disease 2019 and for telemedicine and telehealth during coronavirus disease 2019 state of emergency.

**Primary Sponsors**

Joe Vitale, Joe Lagana, Nellie Pou, Kip Bateman

**Bill Summary:** Requires health insurance and Medicaid coverage for testing of coronavirus disease 2019 and for telemedicine and telehealth during coronavirus disease 2019 state of emergency.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-03-16
Title
Enacts into law major components of legislation necessary to implement the state education, labor, housing and family assistance budget for the 2020-2021 state fiscal year

Description
Enacts into law major components of legislation necessary to implement the state education, labor, housing and family assistance budget for the 2020-2021 state fiscal year; relates to contracts for excellence and the apportionment of public moneys; relates to the statewide universal full-day pre-kindergarten program; relates to conditions under which districts are entitled to apportionment; relates to courses of instruction in patriotism and citizenship and in certain historic documents; relates to instruction in the Holocaust in certain schools; relates to moneys apportioned to school districts for commercial gaming grants; relates to the universal pre-kindergarten program; relates to funding a program for work force education conducted by the consortium for worker education in New York city, in relation to reimbursements for the 2020-2021 school year; relates to funding a program for work force education conducted by the consortium for worker education in New York city, in relation to withholding a portion of employment preparation education aid; relates to certain provisions related to the 1994-95 state operations, aid to localities, capital projects and debt service budgets; relates to conditional appointment of school district, charter school or BOCES employees; relates to the provision of supplemental educational services, attendance at a safe public school and the suspension of pupils who bring a firearm to or possess a firearm at a school; relates to implementation of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001; relates to the support of education; relates to school bus driver training; relates to special apportionment for salary expenses and public pension accruals; relates to authorizing the city school district of the city of Rochester to purchase certain services; relates to suballocations of appropriations; relates to authorizing the Roosevelt union free school district to finance deficits by the issuance of serial bonds; in relation to certain apportionments; relates to supplementary funding for dedicated programs for public school students in the East Ramapo central school district; authorizes deficit financing and an advance of aid payments for the Wyandanch union free school district, in relation to the issuance of serial bonds; and relates to the support of public libraries (Part A); relates to establishing the Syracuse Comprehensive Education and Workforce Training Center focusing on Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math to provide instruction to students in the Onondaga, Cortland and Madison county BOCES and the central New York region in the areas of science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (Part B); directs the commissioner of education to appoint a monitor for the Rochester city school district, establishing t... (click bill link to see more).

Primary Sponsors
Joint 2016 General Budget Conference Committee

Bill Summary: In order to increase the use of telehealth in some professions, allows the Commissioner to specify in regulation additional acceptable modalities for the delivery of health care services via telehealth, including but not limited to audio-only telephone communications, online portals and survey applications, and may specify additional categories of originating sites at which a patient may be located at the time health care services are delivered to the extent such additional modalities and originating sites are deemed appropriate for the populations served.

Introduction Date: 2020-01-22
Title
Includes audio-only and video-only telehealth and telemedicine services in those telehealth and telemedicine services eligible for reimbursement.

Description
Includes audio-only and video-only telehealth and telemedicine services in those telehealth and telemedicine services eligible for reimbursement.

Primary Sponsors
Linda Rosenthal

Bill Summary: Amends the definition of telehealth to take out the exclusion of audio-only services, so that audio-only can be eligible for reimbursement. However, it also clarifies for purposes of Medicaid reimbursement, audio-only telephone communication would only be reimbursed to the extent defined in regulation.

Introduction Date: 2020-05-04
Title
Enacts into law major components of legislation necessary to implement the state education, labor, housing and family assistance budget for the 2020-2021 state fiscal year.

Description
Enacts into law major components of legislation necessary to implement the state education, labor, housing and family assistance budget for the 2020-2021 state fiscal year; relates to contracts for excellence and the apportionment of public moneys; relates to the statewide universal full-day pre-kindergarten program; relates to conditions under which districts are entitled to apportionment; relates to courses of instruction in patriotism and citizenship and in certain historic documents; relates to instruction in the Holocaust in certain schools; relates to moneys apportioned to school districts for commercial gaming grants; relates to the universal pre-kindergarten program; relates to funding a program for work force education conducted by the consortium for worker education in New York city, in relation to reimbursements for the 2020-2021 school year; relates to funding a program for work force education conducted by the consortium for worker education in New York city, in relation to withholding a portion of employment preparation education aid; relates to certain provisions related to the 1994-95 state operations, aid to localities, capital projects and debt service budgets; relates to conditional appointment of school district, charter school or BOCES employees; relates to the provision of supplemental educational services, attendance at a safe public school and the suspension of pupils who bring a firearm to or possess a firearm at a school; relates to implementation of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001; relates to the support of education; relates to school bus driver training; relates to special apportionment for salary expenses and public pension accruals; relates to authorizing the city school district of the city of Rochester to purchase certain services; relates to suballocations of appropriations; relates to authorizing the Roosevelt union free school district to finance deficits by the issuance of serial bonds; in relation to certain apportionments; relates to supplementary funding for dedicated programs for public school students in the East Ramapo central school district; authorizes deficit financing and an advance of aid payments for the Wyandanch union free school district, in relation to the issuance of serial bonds; and relates to the support of public libraries (Part A); relates to establishing the Syracuse Comprehensive Education and Workforce Training Center focusing on Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math to provide instruction to students in the Onondaga, Cortland and Madison county BOCES and the central New York region in the areas of science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (Part B); directs the commissioner of education to appoint a monitor for the Rochester city school district, establishing t... (click bill link to see more).

Bill Summary: Allows the Commissioner to specify in regulation additional acceptable modalities for the delivery of health care services via telehealth, including telephone, online portals and surveys. They may also identify additional categories of originating sites in order to increase application of telehealth in behavioral health, oral health, maternity care, care management, emergency departments and any service for high-need populations that are deemed appropriate.

Introduction Date: 2020-01-22

Primary Sponsors
Senate Committee on Budget and Revenues
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**Title**
- Relates to emergency medicine triage delivery of services
- Includes audio-only and video-only telehealth and telemedicine services in those telehealth and telemedicine services eligible for reimbursement
- An act relating to nutritional requirements for children's meals

**Description**
- Relates to emergency medicine triage delivery of services; provides that health care services provided by means of emergency medicine triage shall be entitled to reimbursement.
- Includes audio-only and video-only telehealth and telemedicine services in those telehealth and telemedicine services eligible for reimbursement.
- Requires the Department of Vermont Health Access to convene a working group to, among other items, study the potential to reimburse dentists and dental assistants for teledentistry.

**Primary Sponsors**
- Daphne Jordan
- Jen Metzger
- Alison Clarkson

**Bill Summary**
- Adds emergency medicine triage providers to the eligible telemedicine providers.
- Adds audio-only telephone communication to the definition of telehealth and incorporates into the modalities required to be reimbursed by Medicaid.
- Requires the Department of Vermont Health Access to convene a working group to, among other items, study the potential to reimburse dentists and dental assistants for teledentistry.

**Introduction Date**
- 2020-04-27
- 2020-05-24
- 2019-03-01

**Status**
- In Senate
- Passed Assembly
- Passed House

**Network Adequacy (1)**
Title  
Mental Health Early Action on Campus Act®, requires institutions of higher education to implement mental health programs and services.

Primary Sponsors  
John Armato, Valerie Vainieri Huttle

Bill Summary:  
Requires institutions of higher education to form strategic partnerships with local mental health service providers and through a combination of on-campus capacity, off-campus linkage agreements with mental health service providers, and contracted telehealth therapy services, each institution shall attempt to reach a benchmark ratio of one clinical, non-student staff member to 1,250 students.

Introduction Date: 2020-02-20

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Online Prescribing (6)

Title  
Permits use of telemedicine and telehealth to authorise patients for medical cannabis and to issue written instructions for dispensing medical cannabis.

Primary Sponsors  
Pam Lampitt, Joann Downey

Bill Summary:  
Authorizes the dispensing of medical marijuana through telemedicine and telehealth under certain circumstances.

Introduction Date: 2020-01-14

Title  
Regulates Internet pharmacies and electronic prescriptions.

Primary Sponsors  
John McKeon, Nancy Pinkin

Bill Summary:  
Regulates Internet pharmacies and electronic prescriptions.

Introduction Date: 2020-02-24

Title  
Authorizes use of telemedicine and telehealth in connection with medicinal cannabis program for duration of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) emergency.

Primary Sponsors  
Pam Lampitt, Joe Danielsen

Bill Summary:  
Authorizes use of telemedicine and telehealth in connection with medicinal cannabis program for duration of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) emergency.

Introduction Date: 2020-05-01
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**Title**
Permits use of telemedicine and telehealth to authorize patients for medical cannabis and to issue written instructions for dispensing medical cannabis.

**Primary Sponsors**
Declan O'Scanlon

**Bill Summary:**
Permits the dispensing of medical marijuana through telemedicine and telehealth under certain circumstances.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-01-14

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**Title**
Authorizes use of telemedicine and telehealth in connection with medicinal cannabis program for duration of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) emergency.

**Primary Sponsors**
Declan O'Scanlon

**Bill Summary:**
Authorizes use of telemedicine and telehealth in connection with medicinal cannabis program for duration of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) emergency.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-05-07

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**Title**
Establishes and authorizes telepharmacy in this state

**Description**
Establishes and authorizes telepharmacy in this state; defines terms; creates telepharmacy satellite consultation sites and telepharmacy in hospitals; authorizes the filling of prescriptions at remote sites connected to central pharmacies via computer link, videolink and audiolink; makes exceptions.

**Primary Sponsors**
Ken Blankenbush

**Bill Summary:**
Establishes and authorizes telepharmacy in this state; defines terms; creates telepharmacy satellite consultation sites and telepharmacy in hospitals; authorizes the filling of prescriptions at remote sites connected to central pharmacies via computer link, videolink and audiolink; makes exceptions.

**Introduction Date:** 2019-02-05

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### Title
An Act to improve health care by investing in VALUE

### Primary Sponsors
Charles D. Baker

### Bill Summary:
Requires insurers to implement procedures, so that the insurer shall not decline to provide coverage for health care services solely on the basis that those services were delivered through the use of telehealth by a contracted health care provider. It also addresses telehealth practice standards and defines when an appropriate relationship can be established through telehealth.

**Introduction Date:** 2019-10-24

### Title
An Act to improve health care by investing in VALUE

### Primary Sponsors
Charles D. Baker

### Bill Summary:
Requires insurers to implement procedures, so that the insurer shall not decline to provide coverage for health care services solely on the basis that those services were delivered through the use of telehealth by a contracted health care provider. It also provides for practice standards when providing services through telehealth and when an appropriate relationship can be established.

**Introduction Date:** 2019-10-24

### Title
An Act relative to healthcare consumer health options and increased care efficiency

### Description
By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Bruce E. Tarr, Ryan C. Fattman, Patrick M. O’Connor and Dean A. Tran for legislation relative to healthcare consumer health options and increased care efficiency. Health Care Financing.

### Primary Sponsors
Bruce Tarr

### Bill Summary:
Requires coverage of telehealth for employees or retirees of the Commonwealth. It also establishes rules related to credentialing and privileging and the appropriate use of telehealth.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-03-12

### Title
An Act relative to the health care workforce and making appropriations therefor.

### Primary Sponsors
Cindy Rosenwald

### Bill Summary:
Amends the definitions and services covered through telemedicine. Addresses Medicaid and private payers.

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**Title**
relative to telemedicine coverage and reimbursements.

**Primary Sponsors**
Jay Kahn

**Bill Summary:** Requires NH Medicaid to provide coverage and reimbursement for health care services on the same basis it is provided for health care services provided in person. The combined amount of the distant and originating site fees shall not be less than the total amount allowed for health services delivered in person. It also requires health plans to provide coverage and reimbursement of health care services provided over telemedicine on the same basis as services provided in person. The insurer shall provide a reasonable facility fee to an originating site. The combined amount of the distant and originating site fee shall not be less than the total amount allowed for health care services provided in person.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-01-02

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**Title**
Requires health insurance and Medicaid coverage for testing of coronavirus disease 2019 and for telemedicine and telehealth during coronavirus disease 2019 state of emergency.

**Primary Sponsors**
John McKeon, Jon Bramnick, Annette Chaparro, Joe Vitale, Joe Lagana, Nellie Pou, Kip Bateman

**Bill Summary:** Requires health insurance and Medicaid coverage for testing of coronavirus disease 2019 and for telemedicine and telehealth during coronavirus disease 2019 state of emergency.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-03-16

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**Title**
Establishes certain requirements to use telemedicine and telehealth to respond to coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

**Primary Sponsors**
Nancy Pinkin, BettyLou DeCroce, Dan Benson, Joe Vitale, Jim Holzapfel, Shirley Turner, Vin Gopal, Dawn Addiego, Nilsa Cruz-Perez, Teresa Ruiz, Linda Greenstein, Tom Kean, Chris Brown, Sam Thompson, Bob Singer, Declan O'Scanlon

**Bill Summary:** Establishes certain requirements to use telemedicine and telehealth to respond to coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

**Introduction Date:** 2020-03-16
### Title
Revises requirements for health insurance providers and Medicaid to cover services provided using telemedicine and telehealth.

**Primary Sponsors**
Joann Downey, Eric Houghtaling

**Bill Summary:** Revises requirements for health insurance providers and Medicaid to cover services provided using telemedicine and telehealth. (no text)

**Introduction Date:** 2020-06-01

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### Title
Requires reimbursement rate for health care services provided using telehealth and telemedicine equal reimbursement rate for services provided in person.

**Primary Sponsors**
Herb Conaway, Rob Karabinchak, Dan Benson

**Bill Summary:** Requires reimbursement rate for health care services provided using telehealth and telemedicine equal reimbursement rate for services provided in person.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-06-01

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### Title
Relates to requiring insurance coverage parity for certain services delivered via telehealth

**Description**
Requires insurance coverage parity for primary care services delivered via telehealth, where both the insured individual and the health care provider are located in a clinical setting.

**Primary Sponsors**
Carrie Woerner

**Bill Summary:** Requires payment parity for primary care services delivered through telehealth.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-02-04

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### Title
Relates to requiring parity in the standards of dental telehealth services

**Description**
Requires parity in the standards of dental telehealth services.

**Primary Sponsors**
Dick Gottfried

**Bill Summary:** Requires parity in the standards of dental telehealth services.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-03-04
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Provider-Patient Relationship (2)

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Title
Establishes certain requirements to use telemedicine and telehealth to respond to coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

Primary Sponsors
Joe Vitale, Jim Holzapfel, Shirley Turner, Vin Gopal, Dawn Addiego, Nilsa Cruz-Perez, Teresa Ruiz, Linda Greenstein, Tom Kean, Chris Brown, Sam Thompson, Bob Singer, Declan O'Scanlon

Bill Summary: Establishes certain requirements to use telemedicine and telehealth to respond to coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

Introduction Date: 2020-03-16

Regulatory, Licensing & Advisory Boards (14)

Title
An Act to improve health care by investing in VALUE

Primary Sponsors
Charles D. Baker

Bill Summary: Requires insurers to implement procedures, so that the insurer shall not decline to provide coverage for health care services solely on the basis that those services were delivered through the use of telehealth by a contracted health care provider. It also addresses telehealth practice standards and defines when an appropriate relationship can be established through telehealth.

Introduction Date: 2019-10-24

Title
An Act to improve health care by investing in VALUE

Primary Sponsors
Charles D. Baker

Bill Summary: Requires insurers to implement procedures, so that the insurer shall not decline to provide coverage for health care services solely on the basis that those services were delivered through the use of telehealth by a contracted health care provider. It also provides for practice standards when providing services through telehealth and when an appropriate relationship can be established.

Introduction Date: 2019-10-24
### Title
An Act relative to healthcare consumer health options and increased care efficiency

#### Description
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#### Primary Sponsors
Bruce Tarr

### Bill Summary:
Requires coverage of telehealth for employees or retirees of the Commonwealth. It also establishes rules related to credentialing and privileging and the appropriate use of telehealth.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-03-12

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### Title
An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Board of Dental Practice Related to the Definitions of "Supervision" and "Teledentistry"

#### Primary Sponsors
Denise Tepler

#### Bill Summary:
It adds a definition of "teledentistry" and authorizes oral health care services and procedures to be provided through teledentistry in accordance with rules adopted by the Board of Dental Practice.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-03-10

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### Title
relative to the commission on interdisciplinary primary care workforce.

#### Primary Sponsors
Martha Hennessey

#### Bill Summary:
Amends the duties of the Interdisciplinary Primary Care Workforce to include collecting and reviewing data and information that informs decisions and planning for the primary care workforce and looking for innovative ways to expand primary care resources, including but not limited to interstate collaboration and the use of telehealth, among other duties.

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Establishes certain requirements to use telemedicine and telehealth to respond to coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

**Bill Summary:** Establishes certain requirements to use telemedicine and telehealth to respond to coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

**Introduction Date:** 2020-03-16

**Primary Sponsors**
Nancy Pinkin, BettyLou DeCroce, Dan Benson, Joe Vitale, Jim Holzapfel, Shirley Turner, Vin Gopal, Dawn Addiego, Nilsa Cruz-Perez, Teresa Ruiz, Linda Greenstein, Tom Kean, Chris Brown, Sam Thompson, Bob Singer, Declan O'Scanlon

**Title**

Permits use of telemedicine and telehealth to authorize patients for medical cannabis and to issue written instructions for dispensing medical cannabis.

**Bill Summary:** Permits the dispensing of medical marijuana through telemedicine and telehealth under certain circumstances.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-01-14

**Primary Sponsors**
Declan O'Scanlon

**Title**

Establishes certain requirements to use telemedicine and telehealth to respond to coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

**Bill Summary:** Establishes certain requirements to use telemedicine and telehealth to respond to coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

**Introduction Date:** 2020-03-16

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**Title**

Relates to the creation of an online standardized medical physical examination form

**Bill Summary:** Requires the health commissioner to establish an online standardized medical physical examination form.

**Introduction Date:** 2019-01-09

**Description**
Requires the health commissioner to establish an online standardized medical physical examination form.

**Primary Sponsors**
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Relates to enacting the orthodontic tele-dentistry consumer protection act

**Description**
Enacts the "orthodontic tele-dentistry consumer protection act" placing additional requirements on licensed dental procedures entities and licensed dentists who perform cosmetic dental procedures including the posting of specific notices.

**Primary Sponsors**
Nathalia Fernandez

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**Bill Summary:**
Enacts the "orthodontic tele-dentistry consumer protection act" placing additional requirements on licensed dental procedures entities and licensed dentists who perform cosmetic dental procedures including the posting of specific notices.

**Introduction Date:** 2019-07-08

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**Title**
Relates to enacting the orthodontic tele-dentistry consumer protection act

**Description**
Enacts the "orthodontic tele-dentistry consumer protection act" placing additional requirements on licensed dental procedures entities and licensed dentists who perform cosmetic dental procedures including the posting of specific notices.

**Primary Sponsors**
Luis Sepulveda

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**Bill Summary:**
Establishes the orthodontic tele-dentistry consumer protection act. Requires dentists who perform orthodontic tele-dentistry to certify to the department annually that any procedures are performed in compliance with the standards of care prescribed by the American dental association, among other requirements.

**Introduction Date:** 2019-06-13

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**Title**
Relates to requiring parity in the standards of dental telehealth services

**Description**
Requires parity in the standards of dental telehealth services.

**Primary Sponsors**
Gustavo Rivera

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**Bill Summary:**
Requires parity in the standards of dental telehealth services, including maintaining the same standard of care that you would in person.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-02-27
Title:
An Act Relating To Health And Safety -- Consumer Protection In Eye Care Act (Creates Consumer Protection In Eye Care Act Which Establishes Standards For Eye Care.)

Primary Sponsors:
Robert Jacquard, Charlene Lima, Joseph McNamara

Bill Summary: Creates an assessment mechanism to conduct eye assessment or to generate a prescription for contact lenses or visual aid glasses. It has certain requirements on providers, but specifies that it does not limit the discretion of a provider to direct a patient to utilize any telehealth service deemed appropriate.

Introduction Date: 2020-02-26

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Title:
An Act Relating To Health And Safety -- Consumer Protection In Eye Care Act (Creates Consumer Protection In Eye Care Act Which Establishes Standards For Eye Care.)

Primary Sponsors:
Frank Ciccone, Frank Lombardo, Val Lawson, Maryellen Goodwin, Lombardi

Bill Summary: Creates an assessment mechanism to conduct eye assessment or to generate a prescription for contact lenses or visual aid glasses. It has certain requirements on providers, but specifies that it does not limit the discretion of a provider to direct a patient to utilize any telehealth service deemed appropriate.

Introduction Date: 2020-02-25

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Title:
An Act Relating To Health And Safety -- Consumer Protection In Eye Care Act (Creates Consumer Protection In Eye Care Act Which Establishes Standards For Eye Care.)

Primary Sponsors:
William Marsh

Bill Summary: Requires an in-person exam to prescribe controlled substances unless (1) the provider is a Department of Veterans Affairs practitioner or VA-contracted practitioner; (2) The patient is being treated by and physically located in a correctional facility administered by the state or county; (3) the patient is physically located in a doorway (entry for delivery of SUD services); (4) The patient is being treated by and physically located in a state designated community mental health center; (5) The patient is being treated by and psychically located in a hospital or clinic registered with the DEA.

Introduction Date: 2019-12-06
Title
(New Title) relative to telemedicine and substance use disorder.

Primary Sponsors
Jay Kahn

Bill Summary: Allows for the practice of telemedicine and telehealth services for purposes of medication assisted treatment (MAT) under certain circumstances.

Introduction Date: 2020-01-14

Title
Establishes various initiatives to expand availability of medication-assisted treatment.

Primary Sponsors
Eliana Pintor Marin, Valerie Vainieri Huttle

Bill Summary: Requires the State Board of Medical Examiners, in consultation with the Commissioners of Health and Human Services, to develop a program to promote the use of medication-assisted treatment. Among other duties, the program shall provide technical assistance and additional training to physicians seeking to use medication-assisted treatment to treat individuals with substance use disorders but who require or request additional support in the use of medication-assisted treatment, which support and assistance may include the use of telehealth and teledermatology to provide remote consultations with addiction medicine specialists.

Introduction Date: 2020-01-27

Title
Requires health insurance and Medicaid coverage for testing of coronavirus disease 2019 and for telemedicine and telehealth during coronavirus disease 2019 state of emergency.

Primary Sponsors
John McKeon, Jon Bramnick, Annette Chaparro, Joe Vitale, Joe Lagana, Nellie Pou, Kip Bateman

Bill Summary: Requires health insurance and Medicaid coverage for testing of coronavirus disease 2019 and for telemedicine and telehealth during coronavirus disease 2019 state of emergency.

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**Title**
Provides civil and criminal immunity to certain health care professionals and health care facilities during public health emergency and state of emergency; facilitates issuance of certain temporary licenses and certifications during public health emergency and state of emergency.

**Primary Sponsors**
Jim Kennedy, John Burzichelli, John DiMaio, Lou Greenwald

**Bill Summary:** Provides immunity for healthcare professionals or facilities utilizing telehealth or telemedicine during the COVID-19 crisis.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-04-09

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**Title**
Authorizes use of telemedicine and telehealth in connection with medicinal cannabis program for duration of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) emergency.

**Primary Sponsors**
Pam Lampitt, Joe Danielsen

**Bill Summary:** Authorizes use of telemedicine and telehealth in connection with medicinal cannabis program for duration of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) emergency.

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**Title**
Requires DOBI to promote Consumer Inquiry and Response Center during coronavirus 2019 pandemic.

**Primary Sponsors**
Herb Conaway, Valerie Vainieri Huttle

**Bill Summary:** This bill requires the Department of Banking and Insurance to promote its Consumer Inquiry and Response Center (CIRC) during the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure that individuals and providers know how to report issues, including but not limited to, issues related to telehealth coverage.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-05-07
Title
Requires Medicaid coverage for testing and treatment of coronavirus disease 2019.

Primary Sponsors
Joe Lagana, Joe Vitale

Bill Summary: Requires Medicaid coverage for testing and treatment of coronavirus disease 2019.

Introduction Date: 2020-03-16

Title
Requires health insurance and Medicaid coverage for testing of coronavirus disease 2019 and for telemedicine and telehealth during coronavirus disease 2019 state of emergency.

Primary Sponsors
Joe Vitale, Joe Lagana, Nellie Pou, Kip Bateman

Bill Summary: Requires health insurance and Medicaid coverage for testing of coronavirus disease 2019 and for telemedicine and telehealth during coronavirus disease 2019 state of emergency.

Introduction Date: 2020-03-16

Title
Establishes certain requirements to use telemedicine and telehealth to respond to coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

Primary Sponsors
Joe Vitale, Jim Holzapfel, Shirley Turner, Vin Gopal, Dawn Addieigo, Nilas Cruz-Perez, Teresa Ruiz, Linda Greenstein, Tom Kean, Chris Brown, Sam Thompson, Bob Singer, Declan O'Scanlon

Bill Summary: Establishes certain requirements to use telemedicine and telehealth to respond to coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

Introduction Date: 2020-03-16

Title
Provides civil and criminal immunity to certain health care professionals and health care facilities during public health emergency and state of emergency; facilitates issuance of certain temporary licenses and certifications during public health emergency and state of emergency.

Primary Sponsors
Tom Kean, Steve Sweeney, Bob Smith, Declan O'Scanlon, Jim Kennedy, John Burzichelli, John DiMaio, Lou Greenwald

Bill Summary: Provides immunity for healthcare professionals or facilities utilizing telehealth or telemedicine during the COVID-19 crisis.

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**Bill Summary:**
- **Title:** Authorizes use of telemedicine and telehealth in connection with medicinal cannabis program for duration of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) emergency.
- **Primary Sponsors:** Declan O'Scanlon

- **Bill Summary:** Extends duration of certain laws pertaining to use of telemedicine and telehealth in relation to COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Primary Sponsors:** Nellie Pou

- **Bill Summary:** Requires insurers to reimburse the same rate for telemedicine delivered services, and requires reimbursement for dental services via store-and-forward.
- **Primary Sponsors:** Jim Harrison

**Introduction Date:**
- 2020-05-07
- 2020-05-11
- 2020-01-16
Regulation Summary

Removes requirements for face-to-face contact in order to allow for telepractice in outpatient substance use disorder programs.

General Service Standards Applicable to Outpatient Substance Use Disorder Programs

Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (NY)

Substance of proposed rule (Full text is posted at the following State website: oasas.ny.gov): The proposed rule amends Part 822 as follows:

§ 822.1 Background. Language updated to addiction services and/or substance use disorder to reflect treatment of addiction as a chronic medical condition and outdated language referencing chemical dependence is removed from the regulation.

§ 822.2 Legal base. Language updates. Additional reference added to federal regulations governing medication assisted treatment for opioid use disorder. § 822.3 Applicability. Language updates. § 822.5 Definitions. References to face-to-face requirements removed to allow for delivery of services via telepractice; language updated to use of substance use disorder and opioid treatment program (OTP); other updated definitions to conform with standard of care for treatment of substance use disorder; definition added for progress note; evidence based program requirements clarified for delivery of intensive outpatient programs; clarification on person centered care definition.

§ 822.6 Standards pertaining to Medicaid reimbursement. Technical corrections. § 822.7 General program standards. Clarification of expectations for toxicology and medication assisted treatment in outpatient programs and OTPs; clarifies obligations for provision of peer support services including ability for certified programs to contract for services; expectation that programs make every effort to provide services outside of normal business hours, including evenings and weekends; technical corrections. § 822.8 Patient/records/treatment planning. Previous sections on admission, initial services, transfers and readmissions, treatment/recovery plan, case records, documentation of services, level of care transition planning, and continuing care (formerly § 822.8-822.13) are consolidated into a new § 822.8. Process streamlined to provide treatment planning in a way that reflects that addiction is a chronic condition. Set day limitations/expectations for development and updating of a static treatment/recovery plan are removed. Treatment/recovery planning is to be developed with initial services and goals and updated with periodic progress notes at each visit with a patient. Physician or licensed practitioner sign-off/signature is required as part of documenting admission and not upon development/updating of treatment/recovery plan. Requirement that every patient be screened for co-occurring mental health conditions and behavioral health risk after admission using tools approved by the Office. Treatment/recovery planning begins with the initial assessment incorporated therein, which includes the patient diagnosis, initial services and goals, medical and psychiatric issues and medications identified during the assessment process, must be reviewed and approved by the clinical staff person responsible, the patient and the clinical supervisor and is incorporated into the patient record. Treatment/recovery plans are updated regularly through progress notes. New and revised goals should be documented within the treatment/recovery plan and the clinical supervisor process. Progress notes document patient's clinical status and service delivery and must be signed by the staff member providing the services. Programs should offer to assist with development of a plan of safe care for pregnant women. Regarding level of transition/discharge, patients should be discharged after a period not exceeding sixty (60) days unless there is a documented reason to continue treatment past that period. Technical corrections. § 822.9 Additional locations. Technical corrections. OTP additional locations must comply with federal rules. § 822.10 Additional requirements for substance use disorder outpatient rehabilitation services. Technical corrections. § 822.11 Additional requirements for opioid treatment programs. Technical corrections. Clarification that a nurse practitioner or physician's assistant may determine a patient's initial medication dose and schedule of administration if a federal waiver has been granted. Clarification that a patient's take-home schedule must comply with federal regulatory requirements unless there is sufficient clinical justification documented. Physician sign-off is required for take-home medication and containers must be child/tamper proof. Clarification that opioid tapers are not considered treatment for opioid use disorder and medication assisted treatment maintenance is the best practice.
### Issues
Regulatory, Licensing & Advisory Boards

### Title
Rules of the Board of Veterinary Medicine Vet 300-1000

Board of Veterinary Medicine (NH)

This proposal implements the standards and procedures of the Board of Veterinary Medicine, pursuant to RSA 332-B, in Vet 300 through Vet 1000, the purpose of which is to promote public health, safety, and welfare by safeguarding the people of New Hampshire against incompetent, unscrupulous, and unauthorized persons and from unprofessional or illegal practices. Most of the existing rules in Vet 300-Vet 700 are interim rules which are scheduled to expire 1-28-20. The proposal readopts with amendments Vet 301 through 303 regarding Application Procedures, Qualifications, and Examination. The proposal repeals the existing Vet 304, Reciprocity. The proposal reads with amendments Vet 305, Temporary Permit, and renumbers it as Vet 304. The proposal also reads with amendments Vet 306, Fees, and renumbers it as Vet 305. The proposal reads with amendments Vet 400, Continued Status. The proposal reads with amendments Vet 501.01 and Vet 501.02 regarding the Principles of Veterinary Medical Ethics. The proposal reads with amendments Vet 502.01 and renames the section as Emergency Coverage and After Hours Care. The proposal reads with amendments Vet 601, Acupuncture. The proposal reads with amendments Vet 602, Embryo Transfers. The proposal reads with amendments Vet 700, Veterinary Medical Records. Proposed changes include requiring the use of the applicant's legal name for licensing; reconsideration of what criminal convictions can affect licensing; clarification of the temporary permitting process; increased licensing fees and fees for certain records while eliminating late fees; submission of public discipline to the American Association of State Veterinary Boards; clarified requirements for reporting of continuing education; clarified provisions for emergency and after hours care; and clarification of expected record-keeping standards. The proposal also adopts new rules Vet 306, Reinstatement of an Expired License; Vet 501.03, Veterinary Specialists; Vet 502.02, After Hours Care; Vet 503, Euthanasia; Vet 603, Telemedicine; Vet 800, Veterinary Nurses, Veterinary Technicians, and Veterinary Assistants; Vet 900, Dental Care; and Vet 1000, Opioid Management. NEW HAMPSHIRE RULEMAKING REGISTER November 14, 2019 Page 5 NN 2019-196 Continued Proposed additions include clarification relative to addressing expired licenses; requiring the use of the applicant's legal name for licensing; restrictions on the use of specialty designations; reference to standards for euthanasia; clarification of allowable uses of veterinary nurses, technicians, assistants, and students; restrictions on veterinary dental care; and required acts related to opioid management.

### Regulation Summary
Adopts new telemedicine rules for veterinarians.

### Issues
Regulatory, Licensing & Advisory Boards

### Title
Division of Consumer Affairs, Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Advisory Committee: telemedicine rules

DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS (NJ)

Creates telemedicine practice standards for Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology, including how a licensee can create a licensee-patient relationship.

### Issues
Regulatory, Licensing & Advisory Boards

### Title
Designated Services (Acupuncture and Telepractice)

Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (NY)

To identify standards for designation to provide acupuncture or telepractice services.

Requires preauthorization from the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services before implementing telepractice services. It also restricts the types of services that can be delivered through telepractice.
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**Title**
State Board of Medical Examiners: provision of health care services through telemedicine or telehealth

**Agency**
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS (NJ)

**Description**
Would require physicians and podiatrists to hold a board-issued license when physically located in New Jersey and providing services via telehealth or telemedicine, or if they are physically located outside of New Jersey and providing services via telehealth or telemedicine. Would deem that a healthcare provider located outside of New Jersey, who is consulting with a New Jersey licensee, is not providing health care services in New Jersey and will not be required to obtain a state license.

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**Issues**
Regulatory, Licensing & Advisory Boards, Substance Use Disorder

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**Title**
Ch. 12, Joint Rule Regarding Office Based Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder

**Agency**
Board of Licensure in Medicine (ME), Board of Licensure in Medicine 02-380 - State Board of Nursing 02-383 - Board of Osteopathic Licensure (ME)

**Description**
Defines telemedicine and creates rules regarding the prescribing of buprenorphine.