

1 Telemedicine Prescribing

As a result of MSNJ's advocacy efforts, Governor Sherrill signed our top-priority bill into law, expanding access to the telemedicine prescribing of Schedule II controlled dangerous substances by easing prior restrictions for patients receiving cancer and palliative care and for patients being treated for ADHD. The new law removes unnecessary barriers to timely, clinically appropriate care for New Jersey patients.

Telemedicine Pay Parity

Due to MSNJ's advocacy, Governor Sherrill signed our top-priority bill, extending telemedicine pay parity until December 31, 2027. Continued pay parity ensures equitable access to care, protects underserved patients, and supports continuity of care for chronic conditions and mental health. MSNJ will continue to work with policymakers to make telemedicine payment parity permanent in New Jersey.

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3 Step Therapy Reform

In May 2025, Governor Murphy signed our step therapy reform bill. This new law puts patients first, ensuring that physicians, not insurance companies, make the final call on the best course of treatment. The law: protects clinical decision-making and ensures a prompt exceptions process, limits harmful insurer "fail first" protocols, and applies to Medicaid, SHBP & SEHBP plans, while leaving step therapy prohibitions in place for commercial market plans.

Prior Authorization Reform

MSNJ's top-priority bill became law, making major improvements to prior authorization. Medication requests must now be decided in as little as 24 hours, while urgent diagnostic and procedure requests must be decided within 72 hours. Missed deadlines result in automatic approval, prior authorizations for chronic conditions or multiple treatments remain valid for at least six months, and appeals must be decided by a physician—with a true peer-to-peer review now guaranteed on appeal.

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5 Debt Collection

The new Medical Debt Relief Act now protects patients from many burdens of medical debt. Because of sustained advocacy by MSNJ, the bill also includes critical protections for physicians.

Promoting Team-Based Care

Each year, some non-physicians seek scope expansions despite not having the education and training that keep patients safe. This year, MSNJ stopped three bills: one that dangerously allows optometrists to perform laser surgery, one permitting independent practice by midwives, and one allowing APNs to treat patients without any link to a physician.

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7 Horizon Allergy Testing

After MSNJ advocacy, Horizon reversed its improper denial of payments for pulmonary function testing billed alongside office visits and made full repayments to all affected practices statewide.

Developing Legislative Relationships

MSNJ member, decades-long friend of medicine, and longtime NJ Assembly Health Committee Chair, Herb Conaway, Jr., MD, was elected with our strong support to the US House of Representatives. We look forward to advancing federal healthcare policy with his leadership.

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