

GOVERNOR MURPHY: SIGN S-2559/A-4179 TODAY

Protect Access to Telehealth and Put Patients First

Over the last year, telehealth has quickly become an essential part of the healthcare landscape in New Jersey and ensured patients had access to care they needed in a way that works best for them. Without Governor' Murphy's signature on S-2559/A-4179, however, **New Jersey patients could abruptly lose access to the telehealth services** they relied on during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Too many New Jerseyan patients delay or go without care simply because they cannot access it when and where they need it, whether due to provider shortages, transportation or childcare challenges, lost income due to taking off work, or the stigma of seeking help. Telehealth reduces these access barriers that exacerbate healthcare disparities, while decreasing missed appointments, improving health outcomes, and ultimately saving patients and the state money in the long-term.

The New Jersey Legislature unanimously passed legislation--**S2559/A4179**--that would allow patients to continue seeing their providers in a way that works best for them beyond the COVID-19 pandemic. S2559/A4179 maintains access to medical and behavioral telehealth services and promotes equity-driven care in that it:

- Supports healthcare professionals by making sure they are paid fairly, ensuring that providers in all communities --**particularly small and independent practices in underserved communities**--can continue to offer this model of care;
- Prohibits geographic or site restrictions on telehealth services, **allowing patients to be treated via telehealth in their home** from providers licenced in New Jersey;
- Allows healthcare professionals the latitude to use **all available and appropriate technologies to deliver telehealth** as long as they meet the standard of care;
- Gives clarity on reimbursement rates, which **incentivizes providers and health systems to continue to invest in** and use new care delivery tools.

WHAT DOES S2559/A4179 MEAN FOR NEW JERSEY?



Telehealth must continue to be an option for **ALL** patients in New Jersey, not only to the select few who can afford to pay for the full cost of these services.

Now is not the time to create new barriers to the care that New Jerseyans deserve. The legislature has acted, it's time for Governor Murphy to sign the bill into law.

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Go2Care
Golding-Kushner Consulting LLC
HealthLinkNow
Hey Jane
Hicuity Health
Hims & Hers
Home Care & Hospice Association NJ
Inovalon
JOGO Health

Latino Action Network
Medical Society of New Jersey
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New Jersey Psychiatric Association
One Medical
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