



February 21, 2024

The Honorable Sterley S. Stanley
Chair, Assembly Regulated Professions Committee
New Jersey Legislature
197 State Highway 18, Suite 102 North
East Brunswick, NJ 08816

The Honorable Shanique Speight
Vice Chair, Assembly Regulated Professions Committee
New Jersey Legislature
50 Park Place, Lobby 5
Newark, NJ 07102

RE: ATA ACTION SUPPORT FOR A2803

Dear Chair Stanley, Vice-Chair Speight and members of the Assembly Regulated Professions Committee,

On behalf of ATA Action, I am writing you to express support for New Jersey Assembly Bill 2803.

ATA Action, the American Telemedicine Association's affiliated trade association focused on advocacy, advances policy to ensure all individuals have permanent access to telehealth services across the care continuum. ATA Action supports the enactment of state and federal telehealth policies to secure telehealth access for all Americans, including those in rural and underserved communities. ATA Action recognizes that telehealth and virtual care have the potential to truly transform the health care delivery system – by improving patient outcomes, enhancing safety and effectiveness of care, addressing health disparities, and reducing costs – if only allowed to flourish.

Passage of A2803 would serve as a rational step forward for telehealth care in New Jersey by reducing administrative barriers and delays for providers seeking to provide care to New Jersey patients, as well as improving patient choice in care and helping to address provider shortages. This legislation does this by allowing out-of-state health care professionals and recent graduates of health care training programs to practice in New Jersey pending a final determination on their applications for licensure or certification. By allowing out-of-state providers in good standing to begin practicing using telehealth while their application is being reviewed, providers can get to work straight away in providing the care that New Jersey patients want and need. ATA Action is supportive of any legislation which will help to break down arbitrary geographic barriers to telehealth care and encourages the Committee to pass A2803 to make it easier for out-of-state telehealth providers to provide care to New Jersey patients.

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Thank you for your support of telehealth and we encourage you to pass this legislation in the efforts of expanding New Jersey patients access to healthcare delivered via telehealth. Please let us know if there is anything that we can do to assist you in your efforts to adopt practical telehealth policy in New Jersey.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kyle Zebley", is written over a faint, light-colored circular watermark or seal.

Kyle Zebley
Executive Director
ATA Action