



April 22, 2025

The Honorable Saud Anwar  
The Honorable Cristin McCarthy Vahey  
Co-Chairs, Public Health Committee  
Connecticut General Assembly  
Legislative Office Building, Room 3000  
Hartford, CT 06106

**RE: ATA ACTION COMMENTS ON SENATE BILL 1507**

Dear Chairs Anwar and McCarthy Vahey:

On behalf of ATA Action, I am writing you to provide comments on certain provisions of Senate Bill 1507, specifically the broad authority this legislation would grant the Department of Public Health. We have been closely monitoring SB 1507 since its introduction and our members have raised questions about how certain provisions could potentially negatively impact telehealth providers currently serving Connecticut patients.

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.

Specifically, our concerns lie with *Section 2- 6(c)* which would give the Department of Public Health (DPH) open-ended discretion to determine what is prohibited in regard to management service organizations (MSOs). While we agree in principle with the prohibition on MSOs interfering in providers' health care decision making and the list of prohibited conduct, we have concerns that the broad and vague discretion given to the DPH to determine what is prohibited will create uncertainty for healthcare providers, potentially affecting patient access to care. If passed as currently drafted, lay entities and MSOs seeking to be in compliance will struggle to appropriately balance collaboration and assisting medical practices. We recommend deleting this section.

Thank you for your support for telehealth. We encourage you and your colleagues to consider changes to this bill to address the concerns we raised above. If it would be helpful, we would be happy to meet with you and your office to discuss these concerns, gain further insights into the legislation, and explore how ATA Action can be a resource as you navigate policy changes in

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Connecticut that impact the telehealth community. If you have any questions or would like to engage in additional discussion regarding the telehealth industry's perspective, please contact me at [kzebley@ataaction.org](mailto:kzebley@ataaction.org).

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kyle Zebley", is written over a light gray dotted background.

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