



February 6, 2026

The Honorable Joseph F. Vitale
Chair, Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens
New Jersey Legislature
569 Rahway Avenue
Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095

RE: ATA ACTION COMMENTS IN SUPPORT OF S 2996

Dear Chair Vitale and members of the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee,

On behalf of ATA Action, I am writing you to comment in strong support of Senate Bill 2996, which will permanently remove unnecessary restrictions that serve as a barrier for advanced practice nurses to practice to the full extent of their license and clinical training.

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 – including teledentistry – across the care continuum. ATA Action supports the enactment of state and federal telehealth coverage and fair payment 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.

Senate Bill 2996 is a step forward to enabling and delivering efficient, 21st century nursing care using digital health technologies. This legislation takes the important step to allow advanced practice nurses (APNs) licensed in New Jersey to practice to the full extent of their education and training, as many of New Jersey licensed APNs have done during the last five years under former Governor Murphy's Executive Order. ATA Action strongly believes that healthcare providers at all levels must be able to participate effectively across care teams and many of our members rely on APNs to leverage telehealth to reach patients where they are. Utilizing telehealth in nursing improves continuity of care for both urban and rural patients, especially New Jerseyans in primary care shortage areas who may not have access otherwise.

Nearly six years ago, then Governor Murphy's Executive Order 112 waived supervision requirements and the requirement for APNs to maintain a "joint protocol" with a collaborating physician. Since that time, New Jersey licensed APNs have worked without practice restrictions and served thousands of patients via telehealth and in-person care without any reports of significant adverse events. We have concerns that the impending rollback of the executive order waiver will create unnecessary burdens and costs for providers and patients, without any corollary benefit to quality, patient safety, or improved outcomes. ATA Action believes it is imperative that Senate Bill 2996 be implemented to make full APN practice authority permanent, which would also align New Jersey with how the majority of states treat APNs.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this legislation. 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. If you have any

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questions or would like to engage in additional discussion regarding the telehealth industry's perspective, please contact me at hyoung@ataaction.org.

Kind regards,

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