**State Legislative Update – February 9, 2024**

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**STATE AFFAIRS WORKGROUP**

Arnold Baskies, MD, FACS (NJ); Ali Kasraeian, MD, FACS (FL); Kevin Koo, MD, FACS (MN); and Kelly Swords, MD, FACS (CA). The Workgroup will play a critical role in identifying state advocacy priorities, setting new policy objectives, and evaluating state advocacy grant applications among other duties.

**ACS STATE AFFAIRS PRIORITY ISSUES**

* Trauma System Funding & Development
* Cancer Screening, Testing, and Treatment
* Insurance & Administrative Burden
* Professional Liability
* Criminalization of Physician Care
* Access to Surgical Care
* Health Equity

**ACS GRANT PROGRAM**

State Chapters are eligible to apply for ACS State Advocacy Grants and may use funds towards their annual state advocacy day. Funds provided through the grant can be applied towards expenses such as travel costs for members, catering, venue rentals, printing, and more. To learn more information regarding the ACS State Advocacy Grants, apply [here](https://www.facs.org/advocacy/state-legislation/chapter-state-advocacy-grant-program/).

**STATE AFFAIRS ADVOCACY DAY TOOLKIT**

The State Advocacy Day Toolkit is up and on the ACS website: [https://www.facs.org/advocacy/state-legislation/state-advocacy-toolkit/](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facs.org%2Fadvocacy%2Fstate-legislation%2Fstate-advocacy-toolkit%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cchendricks%40facs.org%7C291d1840ce144d919f3908dc26657d54%7Cc2b2034006274510868ebb38cba1848f%7C1%7C0%7C638427465316480652%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=fYGJzN7Gko8lbuqOFlTDD5MGjxIMcnz39KwSmC5M2Kg%3D&reserved=0) and has additional resources including: a project plan template and checklist for state advocacy day; mastering the legislative appointment fact sheet; and legislative meeting debriefing forms. Check it out!

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Puerto Rico Advocacy, San Juan, February 22-24, 2024

Virginia Chapter Surgeons’ Advocacy Day, Richmond, January 23; Medical Society of Virginia Lobby Days, Richmond, January 16 and 23, February 7 and 19

**STATUS OF LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS**

Montana, Nevada, North Dakota, and Texas have no regular session in even-numbered years. Wyoming only considers budget issues in its brief (20-day) session. Legislative session information can be found [here](https://www.multistate.us/resources/2024-legislative-session-dates).

**LEGISLATIVE TRACKING**

**ALABAMA**

[HR 12](https://www.legislature.state.al.us/pdf/SearchableInstruments/2024RS/HR12-int.pdf) – Cancer

Introduced by Representative David Faulkner (R), HR 12 seeks to recognize March as colorectal cancer awareness month in Alabama. The Resolution was filed in the House and is pending referral to a committee.

[HR 13](https://www.legislature.state.al.us/pdf/SearchableInstruments/2024RS/HR13-int.pdf) – Cancer

Introduced by Representative David Faulkner (R), HR 13 seeks to recognize March as colorectal cancer awareness month in Alabama. The Resolution was filed in the House and is pending referral to a committee.

[SB 72](https://www.legislature.state.al.us/pdf/SearchableInstruments/2024RS/SB72-int.pdf) – Criminalization

Introduced by Senator Arthur Orr (R), SB 72 prohibits an occupational licensing board from taking adverse action against a physician who recommends an off-label medical treatment. The bill was introduced in the Senate and is pending referral to a committee.

**ALASKA**

[SB 219](https://www.akleg.gov/PDF/33/Bills/SB0219A.PDF) – Prior Authorization

Introduced by Senator David Wilson (R), SB 219 mandates a utilization review entity may not require a health care provider to complete a prior authorization for a health care service for enrollee to receive coverage for a service if, during the most recent 12-month period, the utilization review entity approved at least 80 percent of the prior authorization requests submitted by the health care provider for that health care service. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Health and Social Services Committee.

**ARIZONA**

[HB 2649](https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/GetDocumentPdf/511558) – Cancer

Introduced by Representative Judy Schwiebert (D), HB 2649 expands access to genetic testing, counseling, and cancer screening for individuals with a personal or family history of cancer or genetic mutations associated with increased cancer risk. The bill was introduced in the House and is pending referral to a committee.

[HB 2674](https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/56leg/2R/bills/HB2674P.pdf) – Scope of Practice

Introduced by Representative Beverly Pingerelli (R), HB 2674 adds anesthesiologist assistants (AAs) to the licensed professions under the Arizona Medical Board that may assist in the practice of medicine under a supervising anesthesiologist. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Education Committee.

[HB 2726](https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/GetDocumentPdf/512814) – Prior Authorization

Introduced by Representative Julie Willoughby (R), HB 2726 mandates if a prior authorization is approved and the member changes health insurance, the new insurer must honor the prior authorization for the first ninety days of coverage; if prior authorization is required for treating a chronic or long-term care condition, it remains valid for at least one year from the date the health care service is received. The bill was introduced in the House and is pending referral to a committee.

**CALIFORNIA**

[AB 2169](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billPdf.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB2169&version=20230AB216999INT) – Prior Authorization

Introduced by Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (D), AB 2169 authorizes a licensed health care professional to request, and requires it be granted, the authority to adjust the dose or frequency of a drug to meet the specific medical needs of the insured without prior authorization. The bill was introduced in the Assembly and is pending referral.

[SCR 109](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240SCR109) – Cancer

Introduced by Senator Roger Niello (R), SCR 109 designates March as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Committees.

**COLORADO**

[HB 1149](https://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2024A/bills/2024a_1149_01.pdf) – Prior Authorization

Introduced by Representative Shannon Bird (D), HB 1149 requires health insurance carriers and pharmacy benefit manager to adopt a program to eliminate or substantially modify prior authorization requirements to remove administrative burdens; an insurer is prohibited from denying a claim for a health-care procedure. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Health and Human Services Committee.

[SB 130](https://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2024A/bills/2024a_130_01.pdf) – Professional Liability

Introduced by Senator Kyle Mullica (D), SB 130 amends existing limits of recoverable noneconomic damages in medical malpractice actions from $300,000 to $500,000 over the course of five years. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

[SB 124](https://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2024A/bills/2024a_124_01.pdf) – Biomarker

Introduced by Senator Dafna Michaelson Jenet (D), SB 124 requires health care insurance plans to provide coverage for biomarker testing to guide treatment decisions if the testing is supported by medical and scientific evidence; testing is subject to cost sharing provisions. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Health and Human Services Committee.

[SB 141](https://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2024A/bills/2024a_141_01.pdf) – Telehealth

Introduced by Senator Dafna Jenet (D), SB 141 allows a health care provider credentialed in another state to provide health care. services through telehealth to patients located in the state if the applicant. registers with the state regulator. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Health and Human Services Committee.

**FLORIDA**

[HR 8019](https://flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2024/8019/BillText/Filed/PDF) – Cancer

Introduced by Representative Kimberly Berfield (R), HR 1089 designates September 2024 as Childhood and Adolescent Cancer Awareness Month. The bill was introduced in the House and is pending referral to a committee.

**GEORGIA**

[SB 442](https://www.legis.ga.gov/api/legislation/document/20232024/222562) – Certificate of Need

Introduced by Senator David Lucas (D), SB 442 eliminates certificate of need requirements after July 1, 2024, for counties with a population less than 35,000. The bill was introduced in the Senate and is pending referral to a committee.

[SB 460](https://www.legis.ga.gov/api/legislation/document/20232024/222953) – Scope of Practice

Introduced by Senator Clint Dixon (R), SB 460 allows a physician to supervise up to eight physician assistants and nurse practitioners at one time. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred is pending referral to a committee.

**HAWAII**

[HB 1720](https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessions/session2024/bills/HB1720_.PDF) – Cancer

Introduced by Representative Lauren Matsumoto (R), HB 1720 provides cancer screening for full-time state firefighters every three years to cover twelve types of cancer. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Labor and Government Operations Committee.

[HB 1793](https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessions/session2024/bills/HB1793_.PDF) – Workplace Violence

Introduced by Representative Kanani Souza (R), HB 1793 mandates each hospital holding a license from the Department of Health to always have security personnel in certain locations. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Health Committee.

[HB 1966](https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessions/session2024/bills/HB1966_.PDF) – Cancer

Introduced by Representative Lisa Marten (D), HB 1966 requires health insurers to provide coverage for breast and cervical cancer. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Health Committee.

[HB 2531](https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessions/session2024/bills/HB2531_.PDF) – Workplace Violence

Introduced by Representative David Tarnas (D), HB 2531 allows a person who contracts with a healthcare worker who suffers an act of violence to report the event to law enforcement and petition for a temporary restraining order and injunction upon their consent. The bill was introduced in the House and is pending referral to a committee.

[SB 2316](https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessions/session2024/bills/SB2316_.PDF) – Step-Therapy

Introduced by Senator Brandon Elefante (D), SB 2316 prohibits a health insurer from requiring an insured diagnosed with stage two through stage five cancer to undergo step-therapy prior to covering the insured for certain drugs prescribed by their health care provider. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Health and Human Services Committee.

[SB 2551](https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessions/session2024/bills/SB2551_.PDF) – Biomarker

Introduced by Senator Sharon Moriwaki (D), SB 2251 requires health insurers to provide coverage for biomarker testing. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Health and Human Services Committee.

[SB 2569](https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessions/session2024/bills/SB2569_.PDF) – Workplace Violence

Introduced by Senator Joy Buenaventura (D), HB 2569 allows a person who contracts with a health care worker who suffers an act of violence to report the event to law enforcement and petition for a temporary restraining order and injunction under certain circumstances. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Health and Human Services Committee.

[SB 2669](https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessions/session2024/bills/SB2669_.PDF) – Criminalization

Introduced by Senator Chris Lee (D), SB 2269 prohibits insurers from taking adverse action against individuals possessing or applying for a license to practice medicine and surgery for providing gender-affirming treatments in compliance with the laws of the state or being disciplined by another state for providing gender-affirming treatments. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Health and Human Services Committee.

**ILLINOIS**

[HB 4653](https://ilga.gov/legislation/103/HB/PDF/10300HB4653.pdf) – STOP THE BLEED®

Introduced by Representative Michelle Mussman (D), HB 4653 provides immunity for trained school district employees in the use of a trauma kit unless the actions constitutes willful or wonton misconduct. The bill was filed with the House Clerk and is pending introduction and referral to a committee.

[HB 4637](https://ilga.gov/legislation/103/HB/PDF/10300HB4637.pdf) – Scope of Practice

Introduced by Representative Fred Crespo (D), HB 4637 provides a physician assistant may prescribe, dispense, order, administer, and procure drugs and medical devices without delegation of authority by a physician and that a physician assistant may practice without a written collaborative agreement. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Rules Committee.

[HB 5051](https://ilga.gov/legislation/103/HB/PDF/10300HB5051.pdf) – Prior Authorization

Introduced by Representative Jenn Douglass (D), HB 5051 mandates a health insurance carrier may not require prior authorization for a prescription drug prescribed to a patient by a health care professional for six or more consecutive months. The bill was introduced in the House and is pending referral to a committee.

[SB 2949](https://ilga.gov/legislation/103/SB/PDF/10300SB2949.pdf) – Professional Liability

Introduced by Senator Jil Tracy (R), SB 2949 reduces the prejudgment interest rate on actions brought to recover damages for personal injury or wrongful death from six percent to five percent per annum. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Assignments Committee.

**IOWA**

[HR 105](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/LGi/90/HR105.pdf) – Cancer ADOPTED

Introduced by Representative Ako Abdul-Samad (D), HR 105 designates November as Lung Cancer Awareness Month. The resolution was adopted February 7.

[HSB 641](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/LGi/90/HSB641.pdf) – Prior Authorization

Introduced by the House Commerce Committee, HSB 641 sets a timeline for utilization review (UR) organizations to respond to prior authorization requests; requires an annual review of all health care services prior authorization is required and to eliminate routinely approved requests; and directs UR complaints to the insurance division. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Commerce Committee.

[HF 2157](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/LGi/90/HF2157.pdf) – Biomarker

Introduced by Representative Brian Lohse (R), HF 2157 mandates health insurance carriers provide coverage for biomarker testing when the biomarker testing has demonstrated clinical utility. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Commerce Committee.

[HF 2215](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/LGi/90/HF2215.pdf) – Professional Liability

Introduced by Representative Steven Bradley (R), HF 2215 establishes comprehensive reporting and analysis procedures for serious events in healthcare facilities, including invasive surgery on the wrong body part, harm inflicted during surgery, and surgery performed on the wrong patient. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Health and Human Services Committee.

[HF 2321](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/LGi/90/HF2321.pdf) – Workplace Violence

Introduced by The House Judiciary Committee, HF 2321 mandates an assault on a health care provider can result in penalties including a serious misdemeanor, an aggravated misdemeanor, or a class “D” felony. The bill was introduced in the House and is pending referral to a committee.

[SF 2159](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/LGi/90/SF2159.pdf) – Biomarker

Introduced by the Senate Commerce Committee, SF 2159 requires a health insurance carrier to cover biomarker testing. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Commerce Committee.

[SF 2160](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/LGi/90/SF2160.pdf) – Certificate of Need

Introduced by the Senate Health and Human Services Committee, SF 2160 exempts ambulatory surgical facilities where cosmetic, reconstructive, or plastic surgery services are provided. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Health and Human Services Committee.

[SF 2175](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/LGi/90/SF2175.pdf) – Professional Liability

Introduced by Senator Janet Petersen (D), SF 2175 would exempt claims involving sexual assault from the limitations on noneconomic damages in medical malpractice claims. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

[SSB 3135](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/LGi/90/SSB3135.pdf) – Cancer

Introduced by the Senate Commerce Committee, SSB 3135 provides for no cost sharing supplemental and diagnostic breast examinations. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Commerce Committee.

**KANSAS**

[HB 2689](https://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2023_24/measures/documents/hb2689_00_0000.pdf) – Cancer

Introduced by Representative Susan Concannon (R), HB 2689 requires no cost-sharing for diagnostic and supplemental breast examinations for breast cancer. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Committee on Insurance.

[HB 2713](https://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2023_24/measures/documents/hb2713_00_0000.pdf) – Prior Authorization

Introduced by the House Insurance Committee, HB 2713 requires a health care insurance plan to accept and respond to prior authorization requests for health care services using an electronic portal at no cost to the health care provider; the health care plan must render a decision and notify the enrollee and health care provider of the decision or if further information is required within 24 hours of submission; and outlines additional timelines for prior authorization. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Interstate Cooperation Committee.

**KENTUCKY**

[HB 317](https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/recorddocuments/bill/24RS/hb317/orig_bill.pdf) – Prior Authorization

Introduced by Representative Kimberly Moser (R), HB 317 establishes eligibility criteria and requirements for prior authorization exemptions; establishes requirements for rescinding prior authorization exemptions; sets forth requirements for external reviews of prior authorization exemption denials and rescissions; and other general prior authorization changes. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Committee on Committees.

**MARYLAND**

[HB 691](https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/hb/hb0691f.pdf) – Criminalization

Introduced by Delegate David Moon (D), HB 691 alters the definition of “legally protected health care” to include gender-affirming medications, surgeries, and supplies; protects gender-affirming treatments from actions in criminal and civil proceedings. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Health and Government Operations Committee.

[HB 806](https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/hb/hb0806f.pdf) – Scope of Practice

Introduced by Delegate Kenneth Kerr (D), HB 806 changes delegation agreement to a collaborative agreement; and expands the duties a physician assistant may provide under the agreement. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Health and Government Operations Committee.

[HB 1259](https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/hb1259?ys=2024RS) – Cancer

Introduced by Delegate Tiffany Alston (D), HB 1259 includes image-guided breast biopsy in the definition of "supplemental breast examination”; requires health insurers to provide coverage for supplemental breast examinations; clarifies coverage requirements for lung cancer screening applies to follow-up diagnostic imaging. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Health Committee.

**MISSISSIPPI**

[HB 821](https://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/documents/2024/pdf/HB/0800-0899/HB0821IN.pdf) – Scope of Practice

Introduced by Representative Donnie Scoggin (R), HB 821 provides for independent practice of advanced practice registered nurses after completing 3,600 practice hours; provides for independent practice of a certified registered nurse anesthetist after completing 8,000 clinical practice hours. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to Public Health and Human Services.

[SB 2263](https://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/documents/2024/pdf/SB/2200-2299/SB2263IN.pdf) – Cancer

Introduced by Senator Brice Wiggins (R), SB 2263 prohibits health care insurance plans from placing cost-sharing requirements for diagnostic and supplemental breast cancer screenings or examinations. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Insurance Committee.

[SB 2264](https://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/documents/2024/pdf/SB/2200-2299/SB2264IN.pdf) – Step-Therapy

Introduced by Senator Brice Wiggins (R), SB 2264 prohibits a health care plan from requiring an enrollee to undergo step-therapy before receiving prescription drugs to treat advanced, metastatic cancer. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Insurance Committee.

**MISSOURI**

[HB 2518](https://documents.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills241/hlrbillspdf/5222H.01I.pdf) – Workplace Violence

Introduced by Representative Ashley Manlove (D), HB 2518 implements joint labor-management health and safety committee requirements for certain healthcare facilities. The bill was introduced in the House and is pending referral to a committee.

**NEW JERSEY**

[AJR 33](https://pub.njleg.state.nj.us/Bills/2024/AJR/33_I1.PDF) – Cancer

Introduced by Assemblymember Nancy Munoz (R), AJR 33 designates June of each year as Cancer Survivor Month. The bill was introduced in the Assembly and referred to the Health Committee.

[AR 50](https://pub.njleg.state.nj.us/Bills/2024/AR/50_I1.PDF) – Student Loan Repayment

Introduced by Assemblymember Christopher DePhillips (R), AR 50 resolves to urge the President and Congress to establish student loan forgiveness program for doctors, nurses, and emergency medical services employees. The bill was introduced and referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

[AR 69](https://pub.njleg.state.nj.us/Bills/2024/AR/69_I1.PDF) – Student Loan Repayment

Introduced by Assemblymember Yvonne Lopez (D), AR 69 resolves to urge the President and Congress of United States to continue federal Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program for those including medical workers. The bill was introduced and referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

[AR 79](https://pub.njleg.state.nj.us/Bills/2024/AR/79_I1.PDF) – Cancer

Introduced by Assemblymember Brian Bergen (R), AR 78 recognizes October 13 as Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day. The bill was introduced in the Assembly and referred to the Health Committee.

[A 382](https://pub.njleg.state.nj.us/Bills/2024/A0500/382_I1.PDF) – Out of Network Billing

Introduced by Assemblymember Robert Auth (R), A 382 amends regulations regarding out of network practices, including mandating physicians disclose whether they are participating providers in a patient's health benefits plan. The bill was introduced in the Assembly and referred to the Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.

[A 944](https://pub.njleg.state.nj.us/Bills/2024/A1000/944_I1.PDF) – Scope of Practice

Introduced by Assemblymember Nancy Munoz (R), A 944 expands the scope of practice for advanced practice nurses, allowing them to perform tasks such as managing preventive care services, diagnosing, prescribing medications, and administering anesthesia. The bill was introduced in the Assembly and referred to the Health Committee.

[A 984](https://pub.njleg.state.nj.us/Bills/2024/A1000/984_I1.PDF) – Professional Liability

Introduced by Assemblymember Nancy Munoz (R), A 984 prohibits a health insurer from raising medical malpractice liability insurance premiums based solely on claims of medical negligence or malpractice against the insured, this restriction would not apply if the claim results in a settlement, judgment, or arbitration award against the insured. The bill was introduced in the Assembly and referred to the Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.

[A 1390](https://pub.njleg.state.nj.us/Bills/2024/A1500/1390_I1.PDF) – Telehealth

Introduced by Assemblymember Shama Haider (D), A 1390 allows health care professionals located outside New Jersey to provide services using telemedicine and telehealth to patients in New Jersey. The bill was introduced in the Assembly and referred to the Health Committee.

[A 1841](https://pub.njleg.state.nj.us/Bills/2024/A2000/1841_I1.PDF) – Cancer

Introduced by Assemblymember Herb Conaway (D), A 1841 expands requirements for health insurance carriers concerning prostate cancer screening and requires coverage be provided without cost sharing. The bill was introduced in the Assembly and referred to the Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.

[A 2045](https://pub.njleg.state.nj.us/Bills/2024/A2500/2045_I1.PDF) – Certificate of Need

Introduced by Assemblymember Eliana Marin (D), A 2045 prohibits the commissioner of health from issuing a certificate of need to any healthcare facility seeking designation as a trauma center if that facility is located within 15 miles of another facility already designated as a trauma center. The bill was introduced in the Assembly and referred to the Health Committee.

[A 2604](https://pub.njleg.state.nj.us/Bills/2024/A3000/2604_I1.PDF) – Cancer

Introduced by Assemblymember Robert Karabinchak (D), A 2604 requires the department of health to develop a mobile cancer screening program and appropriates $100,000 to the program. The bill was introduced in the Assembly and referred to the Health Committee.

**NEW YORK**

[A 9075](https://legislation.nysenate.gov/pdf/bills/2023/A9075) - Biomarker

Introduced by Assemblymember Amanda Septimo (D), A 9075 requires health insurance plans to cover comprehensive genetic testing based on family or patient history for prostatic and ovarian cancer when recommended by a doctor, geneticist, or genetic counselor; coverage shall be provided after the patient’s initial diagnosis; and the genetic testing has no cost-sharing. The bill was introduced in the Assembly and referred to the Insurance Committee.

[K 819](https://legislation.nysenate.gov/pdf/bills/2023/K819) – Cancer ADOPTED

Introduced by Assemblymember Kimberly Jean-Pierre (D), K 819 proclaims January as Cervical Cancer Awareness Month. The bill was adopted January 31.

[S 8340](https://legislation.nysenate.gov/pdf/bills/2023/S8340) – Cancer

Introduced by Senator James Skoufis (D), S 8340 requires annual full cancer screening coverage for volunteer firefighters. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Local Government Committee.

**OREGON**

[HB 4011](https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2024R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB4011/Introduced) – Cancer

Introduced by the House Behavior Health and Health Care Committee, HB 4011 provides for no cost-sharing for cervical cancer examinations. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Behavioral Health and Health Care Committee

[HB 4088](https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2024R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB4088/Introduced) – Workplace Violence

Introduced by Representative Travis Nelson (D), HB 4088 requires hospitals to take actions with respect to protecting hospital employees from workplace assaults including conducting violence prevention training, directs hospitals to post signage informing employees of rights and protections regarding workplace assaults; and expands the crime of assault in the third degree to include causing physical injury to a person working in a hospital while a worker is performing official duties. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Speaker’s desk.

[SB 1536](https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2024R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/SB1536/Introduced) – Criminalization

Introduced by Senator Dennis Linthicum (R), SB 1536 allows the patient to sue the health care provider who performed an abortion patient who is less than 15 weeks pregnant, unless the abortion is needed due to health, rape, or incest. The bill was introduced in the Senate and is pending referral to committee.

**RHODE ISLAND**

[HB 7366](https://webserver.rilegislature.gov/BillText/BillText24/HouseText24/H7366.pdf) – Certificate of Need

Introduced by Representative David Place (R), HB 7366 repeals the certificate of need process. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Health and Human Services Committee.

[HB 7529](https://webserver.rilegislature.gov/BillText/BillText24/HouseText24/H7529.pdf) – Criminalization

Introduced by Representative Ramon Perez (D), HB 7529 provides for the obligation to an infant born alive as the result of the performance of an abortion with violations punishable as a felony with imprisonment up to ten years, or a fine of $25,000, or both; creates a civil action for compensatory and punitive damages; and provide a basis for professional disciplinary action and an automatic one-year suspension for any conviction. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

**SOUTH DAKOTA**

[HB 1122](https://mylrc.sdlegislature.gov/api/Documents/260847.pdf) – Cancer

Introduced by Representative Erin Healy (D), HB 1122 prohibits cost-sharing for diagnostic and supplemental breast imaging examinations. The bill was introduced in the House and is pending referral to a committee.

**TENNESSEE**

[HB 2453](https://www.capitol.tn.gov/Bills/113/Bill/HB2453.pdf)– Professional Liability

Introduced by Representative Sam Whitson (R), HB 2453 specifies a cause of action for wrongful death must be commenced within three years after the cause of action. The bill was introduced in the House and is pending referral to a committee.

[HB 2549](https://www.capitol.tn.gov/Bills/113/Bill/HB2549.pdf) - Cancer

Introduced by Representative Esther Helton-Haynes (R), HB 2549 mandates health insurers provide coverage for standard fertility services for patients with infertility as a result of cancer treatment. The bill was filed for introduction in the House and is pending referral to a committee.

[HB 2720](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.capitol.tn.gov%2FBills%2F113%2FBill%2FHB2720.pdf&data=05%7C02%7Cchendricks%40facs.org%7Ccad725b5607c4dcfeda308dc29980443%7Cc2b2034006274510868ebb38cba1848f%7C1%7C0%7C638430980097647386%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=%2Ff%2FoqqlTkDKcgcUI9UrkxwxiRdgWA4tSUed4l1Stfiw%3D&reserved=0) – Certificate of Need

Introduced by Representative Johnny Garrett (R), HB 2720 changes the certificate of need requirements for ambulatory surgical centers, including construction, changes in bed complement, changes in location, and initiation of hospice. The bill was introduced in the House and is pending referral to a committee.

[HB 2906](https://www.capitol.tn.gov/Bills/113/Bill/HB2906.pdf) – Prior Authorization

Introduced by Representative Sabi Kumar (R), HB 2906 establishes a 72-hour waiting period before a health benefit plan may require a provider contact the health insurer for prior authorization for continuing treatment for an enrollee. The bill was introduced in the House and is pending referral to a committee.

[HB 2954](https://www.capitol.tn.gov/Bills/113/Bill/HB2954.pdf) – Cancer

Introduced by Representative G.A. Hardaway (D), HB 2954 requires health insurance coverage for the early detection of prostate cancer in men with a family history; men 40 to 49 years of age at high risk; men 50 years of age and older; and men whose physician determines that early detection is medically necessary. The bill was introduced in the House and is pending referral to a committee.

[SB 2014](https://www.capitol.tn.gov/Bills/113/Bill/SB2014.pdf) – Prior Authorization

Introduced by Senator Shane Reeves (R), SB 2014 establishes a 72-hour waiting period before a health benefit plan may require a provider contact the health insurer for prior authorization for continuing treatment for an enrollee. The bill was introduced in the Senate and is pending referral to a committee.

[SB 2363](https://www.capitol.tn.gov/Bills/113/Bill/SB2363.pdf)- Insurance

Introduced by Senator Bo Watson (R), SB 2363 requires hospitals and physicians to accept electronic insurance cards as valid proof of an insurance policy, plan, or contract. The bill was introduced in the Senate and is pending referral to a committee.

[SB 2383](https://www.capitol.tn.gov/Bills/113/Bill/SB2383.pdf) – Professional Liability

Introduced by Senator Ferrell Haile (R), SB 2383 specifies a cause of action for wrongful death must be commenced within three years after the cause of action. The bill was introduced in the Senate and is pending referral to a committee.

[SB 2846](https://www.capitol.tn.gov/Bills/113/Bill/SB2846.pdf) – Certificate of Need

Introduced by Senator Kerry Roberts (R), SB 2846 outlines actions that require a certificate of need for ambulatory surgical facilities. The bill was introduced in the Senate and is pending referral to a committee.

[SB 2883](https://www.capitol.tn.gov/Bills/113/Bill/SB2883.pdf) – Cancer

Introduced by Senator Sara Kyle (D), SB 2883 requires health insurance coverage for the early detection of prostate cancer in men with a family history; men 40 to 49 years of age at high risk; men 50 years of age and older; and men whose physician determines early detection is medically necessary. The bill was introduced in the Senate and is pending referral to a committee.

**UTAH**

[HB 365](https://le.utah.gov/~2024/bills/hbillint/HB0365.pdf) – Telehealth

Introduced by Representative Jeffrey Stenquist (R), HB 365 allows telemedicine services to be used for an initial consultation before the initiation of a treatment protocol or series of treatments for cosmetic procedures. The bill was introduced in the House and is pending referral to a committee.

[SB 210](https://le.utah.gov/~2024/bills/sbillint/SB0210.pdf) – Scope of Practice

Introduced by Representative James Dunnigan (R), SB 210 creates a certification for an optometrist to perform certain laser procedures. The bill was introduced in the Senate and is pending referral to a committee.

**VIRGINIA**

[HB 978](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+HB978+pdf) – Scope of Practice

Introduced by Delegate Rodney Willett (D), HB 978 allows a certified registered nurse anesthetist to prescribe Schedule II through Schedule VI controlled substances and medical devices. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Health Professions Committee.

[SB 716](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+SB716S1+pdf) – Criminalization

Introduced by Senator Jennifer Carroll (D), SB 716 outlines various grounds for refusal or disciplinary action by the board of medicine related to unprofessional conduct, including undertaking to procure or perform an abortion. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Education and Health Committee.

**WEST VIRGINIA**

[HB 4922](https://www.wvlegislature.gov/Bill_Text_HTML/2024_SESSIONS/RS/bills/hb4922%20intr.pdf) – Criminalization

Introduced by Representative Don Forsht (R), HB 4922 mandates a physician who provides irreversible gender reassignment surgery or gender altering medication to a person who is under eighteen years old can be subject to a civil action. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Health and Human Resources Committee.

[HB 4937](https://www.wvlegislature.gov/Bill_Text_HTML/2024_SESSIONS/RS/bills/hb4937%20intr.pdf) – Cancer

Introduced by Delegate Dean Jeffries (R), HB 4937 requires notice be provided to the patient indicating they have heterogeneously or extremely dense breasts; that dense breast tissue which can make it harder to find cancer on a mammogram and they should consider an MRI. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Health and Human Resources Committee.

[HB 5067](https://www.wvlegislature.gov/Bill_Text_HTML/2024_SESSIONS/RS/bills/hb5067%20intr.pdf) – Professional Liability

Introduced by Delegate Larry Kump (R), HB 5067 removes the two-year timeframe for medical malpractice suits to be filed for individuals who were minors when they had their procedures performed. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

[HB 5149](https://www.wvlegislature.gov/Bill_Text_HTML/2024_SESSIONS/RS/bills/hb5149%20intr.pdf) – Professional Liability

Introduced by Delegate Larry Kump (R), HB 5149 requires all hospitals and medical offices to send a notice to all patients when they turn 18, informing them if they have had any negative or adverse side effects of a procedure performed on them as a child to contact the hospital or office to inform them of the issue. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Health and Human Resources Committee.

[SB 715](https://www.wvlegislature.gov/Bill_Text_HTML/2024_SESSIONS/RS/bills/sb715%20intr.pdf) – STOP THE BLEED

Introduced by Senator Tom Takubo (R), SB 715 mandates each county board of education develop a bleeding control program which will include the following requirements: designate bleeding control kits assigned to classrooms and common areas in easily accessible locations; include bleeding control kits in the emergency plans of the school; the presentation and use of the bleeding control kits in all drills and emergencies; provide bleeding control training every other year to faculty and staff of the school. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Education Committee.

**WYOMING**

[HB 66](https://wyoleg.gov/2024/Introduced/HB0066.pdf) – Cancer

Introduced by Representative Landon Brown (R), HB 66 authorizes firefighters to receive annual cancer screenings under the worker's compensation act. The bill was introduced in the House and is pending referral to a committee.

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