**ACS State Affairs Legislative Update – January 24, 2025**

**STATE AFFAIRS WORKGROUP**

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**ACS STATE AFFAIRS PRIORITY ISSUES**

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

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**ACS GRANT PROGRAM**

State Chapters are eligible to apply for ACS State Advocacy Grants and may use funds towards their annual state advocacy day, to hire a lobbyist, or other relevant advocacy functions 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 ADVOCACY DAYS**

Delaware: January 28; Dover, Delaware

Montana: February 12; Helena, Montana

Indiana: February 18; Indianapolis, Indiana

**REGULATORY NEWS**

**DEA Requirements for Members of the Military and their Spouses**

The DEA posted a new question and answer clarifying DEA-registered servicemembers and their spouses “may transfer their DEA registration to another state without first obtaining a state license” so long as they have at least one valid license in another jurisdiction if a series of conditions are fulfilled. Read more [here](https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/faq/registration-faq.html).

**STATUS OF LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS**

State legislative session dates can be found [here](https://www.multistate.us/resources/2025-legislative-session-dates).

**LEGISLATIVE TRACKING**

**ARIZONA**

[HB 2561](https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/57leg/1R/bills/HB2561P.pdf) – Cancer

Introduced by Representative Michele Pena (R), HB 2561 requires no cost sharing diagnostic and supplemental breast exams. The bill was introduced in the House and is pending referral to a committee.

**ARKANSAS**

[HB 1168](https://arkleg.state.ar.us/Home/FTPDocument?path=%2FBills%2F2025R%2FPublic%2FHB1168.pdf) – Criminalization

Introduced by Representative Lee Johnson (R), HB 1168 provides criminal immunity for health care professionals for negligent acts or omissions; this immunity does not modify or affect any other existing immunities, defenses, or limitations of liability. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

[HB 1301](https://arkleg.state.ar.us/Home/FTPDocument?path=%2FBills%2F2025R%2FPublic%2FHB1301.pdf) – Prior Authorization

Introduced by Representative Lee Johnson (R), HB 1301 requires health insurers to provide written notice to physicians who are exempt from prior authorization (PA) for qualifying services; the PA exemption is valid for at least twelve months, evaluated every six months; insurers cannot deny or reduce payments for services, unless there is evidence of misrepresentation or failure to perform the service.

[SB 83](https://arkleg.state.ar.us/Home/FTPDocument?path=%2FBills%2F2025R%2FPublic%2FSB83.pdf) – Insurance

Introduced by Senator Joshua Bryant (R), SB 83 mandates health insurers cover breast reconstruction surgeries; requires prior authorization for breast reconstruction surgeries; establishes a minimum reimbursement rate for out-of-network providers. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Insurance Committee.

**CONNECTICUT**

[HB 5711](https://www.cga.ct.gov/2025/TOB/H/PDF/2025HB-05711-R00-HB.PDF) – Certificate of Need

Introduced by Representative Mark Anderson (D), HB 5711 removes certificate of need requirements for expanding health care services. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Public Health Committee.

[HB 5773](https://www.cga.ct.gov/2025/TOB/H/PDF/2025HB-05773-R00-HB.PDF) – Single Payer

Introduced by Representative Josh Elliott (D), HB 5773 establishes a single payer health care program. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Insurance and Real Estate Committee.

[SB 680](https://www.cga.ct.gov/2025/TOB/S/PDF/2025SB-00680-R00-SB.PDF) – Prior Authorization

Introduced by Senator Martha Marx (D), SB 680 mandates health insurers cannot require new prior authorizations for services approved by a previous insurer within the same year. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Insurance and Real Estate Committee.

[SB 709](https://www.cga.ct.gov/2025/TOB/S/PDF/2025SB-00709-R00-SB.PDF) – Certificate of Need

Introduced by Senator Ryan Fazio (R), SB 709 proposes to eliminate the certificate of need program. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Public Health Committee.

[SB 757](https://www.cga.ct.gov/2025/TOB/S/PDF/2025SB-00757-R00-SB.PDF) – Cancer

Introduced by Senator Saud Anwar (D), SB 757 requires self-funded municipalities to cover breast cancer screening, including: mammograms, tomosynthesis, magnetic resonance imaging, and ultrasounds. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Insurance and Real Estate Committee.

[SB 844](https://www.cga.ct.gov/2025/TOB/S/PDF/2025SB-00844-R00-SB.PDF) – Student Loans

Introduced by Senator Saud Anwar (D), SB 844 expands loan forgiveness eligibility to physicians employed by for-profit organizations. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Public Health Committee.

[SB 863](https://www.cga.ct.gov/2025/TOB/S/PDF/2025SB-00863-R00-SB.PDF) – STOP THE BLEED®

Introduced by Senator Cathy Osten (D), SB 863 creates a $1,000,000 allocation to fund community programs teaching emergency bleeding control techniques. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Appropriations Committee.

[SB 982](https://www.cga.ct.gov/2025/TOB/S/PDF/2025SB-00982-R00-SB.PDF) – Insurance

Introduced by Senator Rob Sampson (R), SB 982 requires Medicaid programs to cover bariatric surgery. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Human Services Committee.

[SB 1000](https://www.cga.ct.gov/2025/TOB/S/PDF/2025SB-01000-R00-SB.PDF) – Insurance

Introduced by Senator Matt Lesser (D), SB 1000 mandates health insurers cover bariatric surgery. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Insurance and Real Estate Committee.

[SB 1010](https://www.cga.ct.gov/2025/TOB/S/PDF/2025SB-01010-R00-SB.PDF) – Insurance

Introduced by Senator Martin Looney (D), SB 1010 requires health insurers to prove health care services are not medically necessary during adverse determination or utilization reviews. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Insurance and Real Estate Committee.

[SB 1044](https://www.cga.ct.gov/2025/TOB/S/PDF/2025SB-01044-R00-SB.PDF) – Insurance

Introduced by Senator Martin Looney (D), SB 1044 requires health insurers to prove health care services are not medically necessary during adverse determination or utilization reviews. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Public Health Committee.

[SB 1064](https://www.cga.ct.gov/2025/TOB/S/PDF/2025SB-01064-R00-SB.PDF) – Scope of Practice

Introduced by Senator M.D. Rahman (D), SB 1064 allows independent practice of advanced practice registered nurses who are relocating to the state and have at least 2,000 hours of practice. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Public Health Committee.

**FLORIDA**

[HB 187](https://flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2025/187/BillText/Filed/PDF) – Cancer

Introduced by Representative Dianne Hart (D), HB 187 requires Medicaid and health insurers to cover annual mammograms and supplemental breast cancer screenings for women aged 25 to 40. The bill was filed in the House and is pending referral to a committee.

**HAWAII**

[HB 216](https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessions/session2025/bills/HB216_.PDF) – Step Therapy

Introduced by Representative Gregg Takayama (D), HB 216 mandates exceptions to step therapy protocols must be responded to within 24 hours in urgent requests, 72 hours for non-urgent requests; if no decision is made within the timeframes, the exception is automatically granted. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Health Committee.

[HB 218](https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessions/session2025/bills/HB218_.PDF) – Surgical Smoke

Introduced by Representative Gregg Takayama (D), HB 218 requires hospitals to implement smoke evacuation systems. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Consumer Protection and Commerce Committee.

[HB 250](https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessions/session2025/bills/HB250_.PDF) – Prior Authorization

Introduced by Representative Lisa Marten (D), HB 250 requires utilization review entities to submit prior authorization (PA) data to the state; the state will provide PA information on their website; creates a commission to evaluate national standards to determine the necessity of PA and to make recommendations. The bill was pre-filed in the House for the 2025 legislative session.

[HB 441](https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessions/session2025/bills/HB441_.PDF) – Trauma Funding

Introduced by Representative Andrew Garrett (D), HB 441 increases the cigarette tax to $.18; allocates $0.25 to the trauma system fund. The bill is pending introduction in the House.

[HB 553](https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessions/session2025/bills/HB553_.PDF) – Biomarker

Introduced by Representative Cory Chun (D), HB 553 mandates coverage for biomarker testing. The draft bill was filed in the House and is awaiting assignment to a committee.

[HB 557](https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessions/session2025/bills/HB557_.PDF) – Telehealth

Introduced by Representative Cory Chun (D), HB 557 establishes reimbursement parity between telehealth and in-person services. The bill is pending introduction in the House.

[HB 598](https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessions/session2025/bills/HB598_.PDF) – Cancer

Introduced by Representative Lauren Matsumoto (R), HB 598 prohibits cost-sharing for breast cancer examinations. The bill was pre-filed in the House for the 2025 Legislative Session.

[HB 556](https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessions/session2025/bills/HB556_.PDF) – Cancer

Introduced by Representative Cory Chun (D), HB 556 establishes a program to provide financial assistance for colorectal screenings. The bill is pending introduction in the House.

[HB 857](https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessions/session2025/bills/HB857_.PDF) – Prior Authorization

Introduced by Representative Matthias Kusch (D), HB 857 requires health insurers respond to prior authorization within 24 hours for urgent requests and three calendar days for non-urgent requests; prohibits denial of payment for services that received prior authorization; sets the duration of prior authorization for 90 days or the course of the entire treatment, whichever is longer. The bill is pending introduction in the House.

[HB 954](https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessions/session2025/bills/HB954_.PDF) – Prior Authorization

Introduced by Representative Greg Takayama (D), HB 954 mandates health insurers disclose their prior authorization requirements and restrictions online; any changes to these requirements must be communicated to healthcare providers at least 60 days before implementation; requires five-day response for non-urgent prior authorization requests and 48 hour response for urgent requests. The bill is pending introduction in the House.

[SB 475](https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessions/session2025/bills/SB475_.PDF) – Cancer

Introduced by Senator Brandon Elefante (D), S 475 establishes a program to provide financial assistance for colorectal screenings. The bill was pre-filed in the Senate for the 2025 legislative session.

[SB 800](https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessions/session2025/bills/SB800_.PDF) – Professional Liability

Introduced by Senator Karl Rhoads (D), SB 800 requires licensed professionals report any legal complaints against them to their licensing boards within 30 days. The bill was introduced in the Senate and is pending referral to a committee.

[SB 832](https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessions/session2025/bills/SB832_.PDF) – Prior Authorization

Introduced by Senator Troy Hashimoto (D), SB 832 requires health insurers respond to urgent prior authorization requests to be decided within 24 hours and non-urgent requests within three days. The bill was introduced in the Senate and is pending referral to a committee.

[SB 969](https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessions/session2025/bills/SB969_.PDF) – Biomarker

Introduced by Senator Brandon Elefante (D), SB 969 mandates health insurers cover for biomarker testing. The bill was introduced in the Senate and is pending referral to a committee.

[SB 1138](https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessions/session2025/bills/SB1138_.PDF) – Prior Authorization

Introduced by Senator Angus McKelvey (D), requires health insurers respond to urgent requests within 24 hours and non-urgent requests within three days. The bill was introduced in the Senate and is pending referral to a committee.

[SB 1179](https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessions/session2025/bills/SB1179_.PDF) – Single Payer

Introduced by Senator Mike Gabbard (D), SB 1179 establishes a single payer healthcare plan. The bill was introduced in the Senate and is pending referral to a committee.

[SB 1271](https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessions/session2025/bills/SB1271_.PDF) – Criminalization

Introduced by Senator Kurt Fevella (R), SB 1271 restricts abortions of pain-capable unborn children; violations constitute a Class C felony, punishable by up to two years imprisonment. The bill was introduced in the Senate and is pending referral to a committee.

[SB 1821](https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessions/session2025/bills/SB1281_.PDF) – Telehealth

Introduced by Senator Henry Aquino (D), SB 1281 establishes reimbursement parity between in-person and telehealth services. The bill is pending introduction in the Senate.

**ILLINOIS**

[HB 1475](https://ilga.gov/legislation/104/HB/PDF/10400HB1475.pdf) – Workplace Violence

Introduced by Representative Patrick Windhorst (R), HB 1475 expands the definition of aggravated battery to include health care workers; aggravated battery against a health care worker can impose penalties ranging from Class 3 to Class X felonies. The bill was introduced in the House and is pending referral to a committee.

**INDIANA**

[HB 1040](https://iga.in.gov/legislative/2025/bills/house/1040/details) – Scope of Practice

Introduced by Representative Joanna King (R), HB 1040 specifies the supervising physician of a certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA) is not liable for the actions of the CRNA. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Public Health Committee.

[HB 1620](https://legiscan.com/IN/bill/HB1620/2025) – Artificial Intelligence

Introduced by Representative Joanna King (R), HB 1620 mandates providers and insurers disclose the use of Artificial Intelligence in decision-making and communications. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Public Health Committee.

[SB 147](https://iga.in.gov/pdf-documents/124/2025/senate/bills/SB0147/SB0147.01.INTR.pdf) – Insurance

Introduced by Senator Justin Busch (R), SB 147 prohibits referring physicians from receiving compensation or incentives from health care entities or other physicians within the same network; mandates creating an online database with physician reimbursement rates and average negotiated charges for health care services. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Health and Provider Services Committee.

[SB 475](https://iga.in.gov/pdf-documents/124/2025/senate/bills/SB0475/SB0475.02.COMS.pdf) – Restrictive Covenants

Introduced by Senator Justin Busch (R), SB 475 prohibits non-compete agreements between a physician and an employer. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Health and Provider Services Committee.

**IOWA**

[HSB 19](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/LGi/91/HSB19.pdf) – Prior Authorization

Introduced by the Committee on Commerce, HSB 19 mandates health insurers respond to urgent prior authorization (PA) requests within 48 hours and non-urgent requests within ten calendar days; requires an annual review of healthcare services subject to PA. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Commerce Committee.

[SF 48](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/LGi/91/SF48.pdf) – Professional Liability

Introduced by Senator Mark Lofgren (R), SF 48 requires healthcare facilities, including ambulatory surgical centers, to report serious events, conduct a root cause analysis following serious events, and implement a corrective action plan or explain the lack of corrective measures. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Health and Human Services Committee.

[SSB 1016](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/LGi/91/SSB1016.pdf) – Prior Authorization

Introduced by the Senate Health and Human Services Committee, SSB 1016 requires health insurers and utilization review entities to respond to prior authorization (PA) within 48 hours for urgent requests, ten calendar days for non-urgent requests, and fifteen calendar days for non-urgent complicated requests; requires an annual review of health care services to eliminate PA for routinely approved services; health insurers must implement a pilot program to exempt some health care professionals. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Health and Human Services Committee.

**KANSAS**

[HB 2009](https://www.kslegislature.gov/li/b2025_26/measures/documents/hb2009_00_0000.pdf) – Criminalization

Introduced by Representative Joe Seiwert (R), HB 2009 introduces a comprehensive ban on abortion procedures; violators can be held civilly liable. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Health and Human Services Committee.

**MARYLAND**

[HB 459](https://legiscan.com/MD/bill/HB459/2025) – Cancer

Introduced by Delegate Andrew Pruski (D), HB 459 requires no cost sharing cancer screenings for firefighters. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Health and Government Operations Committee.

[SB 372](https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/bills/sb/sb0372f.pdf) – Telehealth

Introduced by Senator Pamela Beidle (D), SB 372 removes the expiration date for audio-only telehealth coverage; requires reimbursement parity between telehealth and in-person encounters. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Finance Committee.

[SB 374](https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/bills/sb/sb0374f.pdf) – Cancer

Introduced by Senator Pamela Beidle (D), SB 374 requires no cost sharing preventative cancer screenings for professional firefighters. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Finance Committee.

[SB 423](https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/bills/sb/sb0423f.pdf) – Licensure

Introduced by Senator Pamela Beidle (D), SB 423 requires medical licensees to report changes in name or address within ten days; provides confidentiality protections for individuals involved in disciplinary proceedings; mandates reporting of disciplinary actions taken by hospitals. The bill was read in the Senate and referred to the Finance Committee.

**MASSACHUSETTS**

[HD 1732](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/194/HD1732) – Surgical Smoke

Introduced by Representative James Hawkins (D), HD 173 requires hospitals to implement smoke evacuation systems. The bill was filed in the House and is awaiting assignment to a committee.

[HD 2335](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/194/HD2335) – Biomarker

Introduced by Representative Meghan Kilcoyne (D), HD 2335 requires health insurers to cover biomarker testing; streamlines the prior authorization process. The bill was pre-filed in the House for the 2025 legislative session.

[HD 2407](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/194/HD2407) – Cancer

Introduced by Representative Rita Mendes (D), HD 2407 mandates all firefighters are eligible to receive no cost sharing cancer screenings for bladder, cervical, lung, and testicular cancer. The draft bill was filed in the House and is awaiting assignment to a committee.

[HD 2603](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/194/HD2603) – Cancer

Introduced by Representative Edward Philips (D), HD 2603 requires health insurers to provide no cost sharing colorectal and breast cancer screenings. The draft bill was filed in the House and is awaiting assignment to a committee.

[HD 2604](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/194/HD2604) – Maintenance of Certification

Introduced by Representative Edward Philips (D), HD 2604 removes the requirement for physicians to obtain maintenance of certification for professional roles and privileges. The draft bill was filed in the House and is awaiting assignment to a committee.

[HD 2727](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/194/HD2727) – Scope of Practice

Introduced by Representative Natalie Blais (D), HD 2727 establishes a licensure framework for surgical assistants; creates the board of registration in surgical assistants. The bill was introduced in the House and filed for the 2025 legislative session.

[HD 3149](https://malegislature.gov/Search?SearchTerms=hd3149) – Prior Authorization

Introduced by Representative Mark Cusack (D), HD 3149 require health insurers to ensure adequate staff during evening, weekend, and holiday hours to review and respond to any prior authorization request within 24 hours of receipt. The bill was introduced in the House and filed for the 2025 legislative session.

[HD 3176](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/194/HD3176) – Cancer

Introduced by Representative David Allen Robertson (D), HD 3176 requires health insurers to provide no cost sharing colon cancer screenings starting at age 50. The bill was introduced in the House and filed for the 2025 legislative session.

[HD 3295](https://trackbill.com/bill/massachusetts-house-docket-3295-an-act-relative-to-reducing-unnecessary-delays-in-patient-care/2614009/) – Prior Authorization

Introduced by Representative Chris Markey (D), HD 3295 shortens the timeline health insurers have to respond to prior authorization requests from two business days to 24 hours; prohibits administrative delays. The draft bill was filed in the House and is awaiting assignment to a committee.

[HD 3377](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/194/HD3377) – Licensure

Introduced by Representative Marjorie Decker (D), HD 3377 authorizes joining the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact. The draft bill was filed in the House and is awaiting assignment to a committee.

[HD 3540](https://trackbill.com/bill/massachusetts-house-docket-3540-an-act-relative-to-colon-cancer-under-the-age-of-50-years-of-age-prevalence-screening-and-insurance-coverage-and-care-in-the-commonwealth-aka-marthas-bill/2614923/) – Cancer

Introduced by Representative Colleen Garry (D), HD 3540 requires health insurers provide no cost-sharing colorectal cancer screening coverage for individuals aged 45 and above. The bill was pre-filed in the House for the 2025 Legislative Session.

[HD 3642](https://www.bing.com/search?q=MA+HD+3642&cvid=6d7670b74f694032a3fd22c3c40f058b&gs_lcrp=EgRlZGdlKgYIABBFGDkyBggAEEUYOTIGCAEQABhAMgYIAhAAGEAyBggDEAAYQDIGCAQQABhAMgYIBRAAGEAyBggGEAAYQDIICAcQ6QcY_FXSAQgzOTc4ajBqNKgCCLACAQ&FORM=ANAB01&PC=U531) – Single Payer

Introduced by Representative Jack Lewis (D), HD 3642 establishes a public health insurance option. The draft bill was filed in the House and is awaiting assignment to a committee.

[HD 3701](https://trackbill.com/bill/massachusetts-house-docket-3701-an-act-relative-to-colon-cancer-screening/2615500/) – Cancer

Introduced by Representative James Arciero (D), HD 3701 requires health insurers to provide cost-sharing for colon cancer screenings. The bill was pre-filed in the House for the 2025 Legislative Session.

[HD 3750](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/194/HD3750) – Artificial Intelligence

Introduced by Representative Bradley Jones (R), HD 3750 mandates transparency in artificial intelligence (AI) healthcare communications and insurance processes; mandates patient is notified when AI is used. The draft bill was filed in the House and is awaiting assignment to a committee.

[HD 3893](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/194/HD3893) – Truth in Advertising

Introduced by Representative Bridget Plouffe (D), HD 3893 prohibits the use of the title "physician" by individuals not licensed as a physician; mandates healthcare practitioners clearly communicate their licensure type in advertisements and during patient interactions; violations can result in fines ranging from $100 to $1,000 or imprisonment for 30 days to one year. The draft bill was filed in the House and is awaiting assignment to a committee.

[HD 4053](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/194/HD4053) – Artificial Intelligence

Introduced by Representative David Rogers (D), HD 4053 requires artificial intelligence (AI) developers and deployers to implement risk management practices and disclose AI usage in healthcare. The bill was pre-filed in the House for the 2025 Legislative Session.

[HD 4148](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/194/HD4148) – Prior Authorization

Introduced by Representative Marjori Decker (D), HD 4148 mandates health insurers to post prior authorization (PA) requirements publicly on their website; annual reports on PA requests, including approvals and denials to the insurance department. The draft bill was filed in the House and is awaiting assignment to a committee.

[SD 880](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/194/SD880) – Prior Authorization

Introduced by Senator John Cronin (D), SD 880 mandates health insurers create a list of services eligible for real-time automated prior authorization approvals. The bill was filed in the Senate and is awaiting assignment to a committee.

[SD 943](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/194/SD943) – Prior Authorization

Introduced by Senator John Kennan (D), SD 943 requires health insurers to pay for healthcare services ordered by a treating healthcare provider if the services are covered under the insured's health benefit plan and adheres to the insurer’s clinical review criteria; prohibits insurers from denying payment due to administrative to technical defects. The bill was filed in the Senate and is awaiting assignment to a committee.

[SD 945](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/194/SD945/Senate/Bill/Text) – Telehealth

Introduced by Senator Adam Gomez (D), SD 945 expands the definition of telehealth to include e-consults, e-visits, and remote patient monitoring; exempts healthcare providers from needing prior authorization for telehealth services that would not apply to the same services provided in-person. The bill was filed in the Senate and is awaiting assignment to a committee.

[SD 1057](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/194/SD1057) – Cancer

Introduced by Senator Brendan Crighton (D), SD 1057 requires full-time firefighters to receive no cost-sharing cancer screenings every three years. The bill was filed in the Senate and is awaiting assignment to a committee.

[SD 1268](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/194/SD1268) – Step-Therapy

Introduced by Senator Brendan Crighton (D), SD 1268 prohibits health insurers from switching prescription drugs, ensuring continuity for stable patients; establishes a process for exemptions and appeals. The bill was pre-filed in the Senate for the 2025 legislative session.

[SD 1528](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/194/SD1528) – Cancer

Introduced by Senator Edward Kennedy (D), SD 1528 requires health insurers to provide no cost sharing colorectal cancer screenings starting at age 30. The bill was pre-filed in the Senate for the 2025 legislative session.

[SD 1646](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/194/SD1646) – Scope of Practice

Introduced by Senator John Keenan (D), SD 1646 seeks to license surgical assistants; creates a new licensure board. The bill was pre-filed in the Senate for the 2025 legislative session.

[SD 1714](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/194/SD1714) – Insurance

Introduced by Senator Brendan Crighton (D), SD 1714 prohibits health insurers from making unilateral contract changes or terminating contracts without cause with health care professionals; requires insurers to provide at least 90 days prior to not renewing or terminating a contract; any contract changes must be mutually agreed to by both parties. The bill was pre-filed in the Senate for the 2025 legislative session.

[SD 1862](https://malegislature.gov/Search?SearchTerms=sd1862) – Scope of Practice

Introduced by Senator William Driscoll (D), SD 1862 establishes a licensure framework for surgical assistants; creates the board of registration in surgical assistants. The bill was introduced in the Senate and filed for the 2025 legislative session. The bill was pre-filed in the Senate for the 2025 legislative session.

[SD 2030](https://trackbill.com/bill/massachusetts-senate-docket-2030-an-act-establishing-a-public-health-option/2614990/) – Single Payer

Introduced by Senator James Eldridge (D), SD 2030 establishes a public health option. The bill was pre-filed in the Senate for the 2025 Legislative Session.

[SD 2184](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/194/SD2184) – Truth in Advertising

Introduced by Senator John Cronin (D), SD 2184 prohibits using the title "physician" by individuals not licensed as a physician; mandates healthcare practitioners clearly communicate their licensure type in advertisements and during patient interactions; violations can result in fines ranging from $100 to $1,000 or imprisonment for 30 days to one year. The draft bill was filed in the Senate and is awaiting assignment to a committee.

[SD 2341](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/194/SD2341) – Single Payer

Introduced by Senator James Eldridge (D), SD 2341 establishes a single payer health care system. The draft bill was filed in the Senate and is awaiting assignment to a committee.

[SD 2471](https://www.bing.com/search?q=MA%20SD%202471%20prior%20auth&qs=n&form=QBRE&sp=-1&lq=0&pq=ma%20sd%202471%20prior%20auth&sc=0-21&sk=&cvid=F0F2EEE955E845AF8BE362B2735831F3&ghsh=0&ghacc=0&ghpl=) – Prior Authorization

Introduced by Senator Cindy Friedman (D), SD 2471 mandates posting prior authorization requirements publicly on their website; annual reports on prior authorization requests, including approvals and denials to the department of insurance. The draft bill was filed in the Senate and is awaiting assignment to a committee.

**MISSISSIPPI**

[HB 552](https://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/documents/2025/pdf/HB/0500-0599/HB0552IN.pdf) – Professional Liability

Introduced by Representative Mark Tullos (R), HB 552 prohibits medical professionals and medical malpractice insurers from requiring mandatory arbitration as a condition for providing medical care or insurance; penalties for violation include suspension, revocation, or restriction of a provider's license. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Insurance Committee.

[HB 813](https://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/documents/2025/pdf/HB/0800-0899/HB0813IN.pdf) – Scope of Practice

Introduced by Representative Donnie Scoggin (R), HB 813 allows certified registered nurse practitioners (CRNP) to practice independently after they have completed at least 10,000 hours of clinical practice; the nursing board has oversight of CRNPs. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Health and Human Services Committee.

[HB 849](https://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/documents/2025/pdf/HB/0800-0899/HB0849IN.pdf) – Scope of Practice

Introduced by Representative Samuel Creekmore (R), HB 849 allows certified registered nurse practitioners (CRNP) to practice independently after they have completed at least 8,000 hours of clinical practice; the nursing board has oversight of CRNPs; establishes the licensure of anesthesiologist assistants regulated by the medical board. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Health and Human Services Committee.

[HB 888](https://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/documents/2025/pdf/HB/0800-0899/HB0888IN.pdf) – Trauma Funding

Introduced by Representative Jimmy Fondren (R), HB 888 expands the definition of burn centers to include those affiliated with level I trauma centers, allowing those centers to receive appropriations from the burn care fund; increases the fee for distinctive or special license tags from one dollar to four dollars, proceeds go to the burn care fund. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

[HB 960](https://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/documents/2025/pdf/HB/0900-0999/HB0960IN.pdf) – Telehealth

Introduced by Representative Fred Shanks (R), HB 960 extends the requirement for reimbursement parity between telemedicine and in-person services until 2028. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Insurance Committee.

[HB 1210](https://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/documents/2025/pdf/HB/1200-1299/HB1210IN.pdf) – Trauma Funding

Introduced by Representative Lester Carpenter (R), HB 1210 increases assessments collected from traffic violations, license tag fees, and retail sales of all-terrain vehicles and motorcycles; additional funds directed to the trauma care systems fund. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Public Health and Human Services Committee.

[HB 1317](https://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/documents/2025/pdf/HB/1300-1399/HB1317IN.pdf) – Truth in Advertising

Introduced by Representative Fred Shanks (R), HB 1317 requires healthcare practitioners to disclose their qualifications and licensure in advertisements and practice settings; violations can result in fees. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Public Health and Human Services Committee.

[HB 1357](https://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/documents/2025/pdf/HB/1300-1399/HB1357IN.pdf) – Scope of Practice

Introduced by Representative Dan Eubanks (R), HB 1357 allows advanced practice registered nurses (APRN) with 5,000 hours of supervised clinical experience to practice independently; certified nurse anesthetists require 8,000 clinical practice hours to practice independently; allows APRNs to apply for controlled substance prescriptive authority to prescribe Schedules II-V. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Public Health and Human Services Committee.

[SB 2075](https://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/documents/2025/pdf/SB/2001-2099/SB2075IN.pdf) – Licensure

Introduced by Senator Hob Bryan (D), SB 2075 updates medical licensure procedures; includes electronic notifications for licensure renewals; establishes procedures for physicians to request retired status. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Public Health and Welfare Committee.

**MISSOURI**

[HB 929](https://documents.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills251/hlrbillspdf/2251H.01I.pdf) – Scope of Practice

Introduced by Representative Melanie Stinnett (R), HB 929 allows optometrists to remove superficial foreign bodies from the eye or adnexa; to correct ocular abnormalities by surgical procedures that are not excluded; prohibits optometrists from performing surgical procedures, including laser, and from administering general anesthesia. The bill was introduced in the House and read the first time in the 2025 legislative session.

**MONTANA**

[HB 218](https://docs.legmt.gov/download-ticket?ticketId=ffe95f4b-61e7-4b00-8322-dbc3d2e2ef8c) – Scope of Practice

Introduced by Senator Greg Hertz (R), HB 218 allows optometrists to provide in-office surgical procedures and laser surgical procedures limited to the anterior segment of the eye and adnexa. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Business and Labor Committee.

**NEW HAMPSHIRE**

[HB 712](https://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/lsr_search/billText.aspx?id=445&type=4) – Criminalization

Introduced by Representative Lisa Mazur (R), HB 712 prohibits transgender chest surgery for gender affirming care; violations are subject to disciplinary action by the board of medicine. The bill was pre-filed in the House for the 2025 legislative session.

**NEW MEXICO**

[SB 12](https://www.nmlegis.gov/Sessions/25%20Regular/bills/senate/SB0012.pdf) – Telehealth

Introduced by Senator Antoinette Lopez (D), SB 12 allows out-of-state providers to offer second opinions and consultations via telehealth. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

**NEW YORK**

[A 2250](https://legislation.nysenate.gov/pdf/bills/2025/A2250) – Cancer

Introduced by Assemblymember Emerita Torres (D), A 2250 mandates no cost sharing breast cancer screenings and diagnostic testing for incarcerated individuals. The bill was introduced in the Assembly and referred to the Correction Committee.

[A 2305](https://legislation.nysenate.gov/pdf/bills/2025/A2305) – Professional Liability

Introduced by Assemblymember Stephen Hawley (R), A 2305 extends the requirement for a certificate of merit for civil actions; allows omission of expert witness names but requires detailed account of their expected testimony; reduces threshold for lump-sum payments from $500,000 to $50,000; caps noneconomic damages in personal injury actions to $250,000; reduces the percentage of attorney contingency fees. The bill was introduced in the Assembly and referred to the Codes Committee.

[A 2327](https://legislation.nysenate.gov/pdf/bills/2025/A2327) – Step-Therapy

Introduced by Assemblymember John McDonald (D), A 2327 requires health insurers and utilization review agents to annually report step-therapy override requests, including: the number of requests received, the types of health care providers submitting them, and the outcomes of these requests to the department of health. The bill was introduced in the Assembly and referred to the Insurance Committee.

[A 2352](https://legislation.nysenate.gov/pdf/bills/2025/A2352) – Prior Authorization

Introduced by Assemblymember John McDonald (D), A 2352 requires health insurers to automatically approve services if the health care professional received 90 percent approval in the most recent six-month period; prohibits retroactive denial or reduction of payment for services deemed medically necessary. The bill was introduced in the Assembly and referred to the Insurance Committee.

[A 2526](https://legislation.nysenate.gov/pdf/bills/2025/A2526) – Collective Bargaining

Introduced by Assemblymember Amy Paulin (D), A 2526 allows for collective bargaining between health care providers and plans. The bill was introduced in the Assembly and referred to the Health Committee.

[A 2629](https://legislation.nysenate.gov/pdf/bills/2025/A2629) – Professional Liability

Introduced by Assemblymember Linda Rosenthal (D), A 2629 mandates rapid reporting and public dissemination of criminal convictions and sentences involving medical professionals. The bill was introduced in the Assembly and referred to the Codes Committee.

[S 2080](https://legislation.nysenate.gov/pdf/bills/2025/S2080) – Workplace Violence

Introduced by Senator Jeremey Cooney (D), S 2080 expands legal protections against assaults to include physicians; defines assault against physicians as a Class felony. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Codes Committee.

[S 2302](https://legislation.nysenate.gov/pdf/bills/2025/S2302) – Scope of Practice

Introduced by Senator Jamaal Bailey (D), S 2302 creates certification for certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNA) who are nationally certified to work in collaboration with a licensed physician; limits the number of CRNAs a physician can work with to four. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Higher Education Committee.

[S 2395](https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2025/S2395) – Cancer

Introduced by Senator Roxanne Persaud (D), S 2395 requires coverage for mammography for those with dense or extremely dense breasts. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Insurance Committee.

**NORTH DAKOTA**

[SB 2249](https://ndlegis.gov/assembly/69-2025/regular/documents/25-0138-02000.pdf) – Step-Therapy

Introduced by Senator Jeff Barta (R), SB 2249 provides exceptions to step-therapy protocols, including when a required drug is contraindicated, likely to cause adverse reactions, or expected to be ineffective based on a patient's clinical characteristics, or if a patient has previously experienced ineffectiveness or a positive outcome with a different drug; requires health insurers to respond to exception requests within 72 hours for urgent requests, five calendar days for non-urgent requests, with automatic approval if no response is given. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Human Services Committee.

**OHIO**

[SB 475](https://search-prod.lis.state.oh.us/api/v2/general_assembly_136/legislation/sb11/00_IN/pdf/) – Restrictive Covenants

Introduced by Senator Louis Blessing (R), SB 11 prohibits non-compete clauses in agreements between a worker and an employer; prohibits agreements imposing financial penalties for leaving employments; allows a worker to bring a civil action against an employer for violations; attorney general and director of commerce are responsible for investigating complaints; worker is defined as someone who provides services for an employer, including independent contractors.

**OKLAHOMA**

[HB 1224](http://webserver1.lsb.state.ok.us/cf_pdf/2025-26%20INT/hB/HB1224%20INT.PDF) – Moral Conscience

Introduced by Representative Kevin West (R), HB 1224 allows health care providers to refuse participation in a health care procedure based on their conscience, ethical, moral, or religious beliefs. The bill was introduced in the House and read for the 2025 legislative session.

[HB 1389](http://webserver1.lsb.state.ok.us/cf_pdf/2025-26%20INT/hB/HB1389%20INT.PDF) – Cancer

Introduced by Representative Melissa Provenzano (D), HB 1389 requires health insurers to cover no cost sharing breast cancer screenings, including breast magnetic resonance imaging, breast ultrasound, and molecular breast imaging; screenings every five years for women aged 35 to 39 and annually for women aged 40 and older. The bill was introduced in the House and read for the 2025 legislative session.

[HB 1808](http://webserver1.lsb.state.ok.us/cf_pdf/2025-26%20INT/hB/HB1808%20INT.PDF) – Insurance

Introduced by Representative Carl Newton (R), HB 1808 requires health insurers to provide exceptions to step-therapy protocols; establishes standards for health care contracts, requiring transparency in compensation, policies, and policy changes; requires urgent prior authorization (PA) requests determinations within twenty-four hours, non-urgent requests within two days; PA for treatment and medications are valid for the course of the treatment or at least one year. The bill was introduced in the House and read for the 2025 legislative session.

[HB 1810](http://webserver1.lsb.state.ok.us/cf_pdf/2025-26%20INT/hB/HB1810%20INT.PDF) – Prior Authorization

Introduced by Representative Carl Newton (R), HB 1810 removes specific timelines for prior authorization and eliminates the need for peer-to-peer review process following adverse determinations. The bill was introduced in the House and read for the 2025 legislative session.

[HB 1887](http://webserver1.lsb.state.ok.us/cf_pdf/2025-26%20INT/hB/HB1887%20INT.PDF) – Surgical Smoke

Introduced by Representative Stan May (R), HB 1887 requires hospitals, ambulatory surgical facilities, and outpatient surgical centers to install surgical smoke evacuation equipment. The bill was introduced in the House and read for the 2025 legislative session.

[HB 1896](http://webserver1.lsb.state.ok.us/cf_pdf/2025-26%20INT/hB/HB1896%20INT.PDF) – STOP THE BLEED®

Introduced by Representative Stan May (R), HB 1896 requires the availability of tourniquets in education institutions. The bill was introduced in the House and read for the 2025 legislative session.

[HB 1915](http://webserver1.lsb.state.ok.us/cf_pdf/2025-26%20INT/hB/HB1915%20INT.PDF) – Artificial Intelligence

Introduced by Representative Arturo Sandoval (D), HB 1915 requires any use of artificial intelligence in healthcare to be operated by qualified end-users. The bill was introduced in the House and read for the 2025 legislative session.

[HB 2057](http://webserver1.lsb.state.ok.us/cf_pdf/2025-26%20INT/hB/HB2057%20INT.PDF) – Trauma Funding

Introduced by Representative Preston Stinson (R), HB 2057 allots 1.15% of a marijuana tax to the trauma fund. The bill was introduced in the House and read for the 2025 legislative session.

[HB 2238](http://webserver1.lsb.state.ok.us/cf_pdf/2025-26%20INT/hB/HB2238%20INT.PDF) – Cancer

Introduced by Representative Cyndi Munson (D), HB 2238 provides access to lung cancer screenings through the expansion of mobile screening capabilities for high-risk individuals. The bill was introduced in the House and read for the 2025 legislative session.

[HB 2298](http://webserver1.lsb.state.ok.us/cf_pdf/2025-26%20INT/hB/HB2298%20INT.PDF) – Scope of Practice

Introduced by Representative Kyle Hilbert (R), HB 2298 seeks to grant independent prescriptive authority to Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) after completing 6,240 hours of practice under physician supervision; mandates collaboration between the nursing, medical, and osteopathic boards to establish rules; requires the APRN to maintain malpractice insurance. The bill was introduced in the House and read for the 2025 legislative session.

[HB 2144](http://webserver1.lsb.state.ok.us/cf_pdf/2025-26%20INT/hB/HB2144%20INT.PDF) – Insurance

Introduced by Representative Chris Kannady (R), HB 2144 establishes a statutory cause of action against health insurers for unreasonable or untimely refusal to authorize benefits under an insurance policy; allows claimants to bring actions in district court; damages include financial loss, emotional distress, and punitive damages. The bill was introduced in the House and read for the 2025 legislative session.

[SB 456](http://webserver1.lsb.state.ok.us/cf_pdf/2025-26%20INT/SB/SB456%20INT.PDF) – Criminalization

Introduced by Senator Dusty Deevers (R), SB 456 redefines homicide to include the killing of an unborn child; allows wrongful death claims for unborn persons which can be initiated by parents or grandparents. The bill was introduced in the Senate and read for the 2025 legislative session.

[SB 569](http://webserver1.lsb.state.ok.us/cf_pdf/2025-26%20INT/SB/SB569%20INT.PDF) – Scope of Practice

Introduced by Senator Brenda Stanley (R), SB 569 allows advanced practice registered nurses who have completed three years of practice with prescriptive authority under physician supervision to gain independent prescriptive authority. The bill was introduced in the Senate and read for the 2025 legislative session.

[SB 665](http://webserver1.lsb.state.ok.us/cf_pdf/2025-26%20INT/SB/SB665%20INT.PDF) – Moral Conscience

Introduced by Senator Shane Jett (R), SB 665 allows medical professionals to refuse participation in medical services based on their ethical, moral, or religious beliefs. The bill was introduced in the Senate and read for the 2025 legislative session.

[SB 809](http://webserver1.lsb.state.ok.us/cf_pdf/2025-26%20INT/SB/SB809%20INT.PDF) – Scope of Practice

Introduced by Senator Michael Bergstrom (R), SB 809 allows for physician assistants to work independently after completing at least 6,240 hours of clinical practice. The bill was introduced in the Senate and read for the 2025 legislative session.

[SB 929](http://webserver1.lsb.state.ok.us/cf_pdf/2025-26%20INT/SB/SB929%20INT.PDF) – Licensure

Introduced by Senator John Haste (R), SB 929 mandates osteopathic physicians complete criminal background checks; complete annual education in pain management or opioid use; licensees must maintain malpractice liability insurance; report any criminal investigations or practice limitations within fourteen days to the osteopathic board. The bill was introduced in the Senate and read for the 2025 legislative session.

[SB 959](http://webserver1.lsb.state.ok.us/cf_pdf/2025-26%20INT/SB/SB959%20INT.PDF) – Moral Conscience

Introduced by Senator Julie McIntosh (R), SB 959 allows health care entities, payers, and professionals to refuse to treat a patient if doing so conflicts with their conscience; provides liability or discrimination for refusing to treat. The bill was introduced in the Senate and read for the 2025 legislative session.

[SB 1069](http://webserver1.lsb.state.ok.us/cf_pdf/2025-26%20INT/SB/SB1069%20INT.PDF) – Professional Liability

Introduced by Senator Dana Prieto (R), SB 1069 requires a defendant to be awarded fees, capped at $25,000 if the court determines the plaintiff had no reasonable basis for their claim; caps medical negligence claims at $200,000 at state hospitals. The bill was introduced in the Senate and read for the 2025 legislative session.

[SB 1050](http://webserver1.lsb.state.ok.us/cf_pdf/2025-26%20INT/SB/SB1050%20INT.PDF) – Insurance

Introduced by Senator Ally Seifried (R), SB 1050 reduced the timeframe for health insurers to request a refund for claims payment from a health care professional from eighteen to two months. The bill was introduced in the Senate and read for the 2025 legislative session.

**OREGON**

[HB 3330](https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2025R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB3330/Introduced) – Moral Conscience

Introduced by Representative Ed Diehl (R), HB 3330 allows health care professionals and hospitals to refuse to participate in procedures based on ethical, moral, or religious convictions; specifies abortion, physician-assisted suicide, and gender-affirming treatments. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Speaker’s desk.

**RHODE ISLAND**

[HB 5066](https://webserver.rilegislature.gov/BillText/BillText25/HouseText25/H5066.pdf) – Insurance

Introduced by Representative Arthur Corvese (D), HB 5066 prohibits health insurers from denying claims from motor vehicle accidents or third-party claims; prohibits health care providers from refusing to submit to insurers for those reasons; mandates health care professionals process medical record requests in 14 days; requires no charges be made to first-party coverage without express written consent. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Corporations Committee.

**SOUTH CAROLINA**

[SB 236](https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess126_2025-2026/prever/236_20250116.htm) – Scope of Practice

Introduced by Senator Josh Kimbrell (R), S 236 allows anesthesiologists to supervise up to four anesthesiologist assistants. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Medical Affairs Committee.

[SB 244](https://www.quorum.us/bill/3477284/overview/) – Professional Liability

Introduced by Senator A. Shane Massey (R), SC 244 defines “occurrence” as multiple events occurring without a break in the causal chain resulting in the same damages from a single act of negligence; changes the reasons noneconomic damages do not apply to include intent to harm, under the influence, and pled guilty or convicted of a felony arising out of the same course of conduct. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

**SOUTH DAKOTA**

[HB 1070](https://mylrc.sdlegislature.gov/api/Documents/275783.pdf) - Cancer

Introduced by Senator Sydney Davis (R), HB 1070 prohibits cost-sharing for breast imaging services. The bill was introduced in the House and is pending referral to a committee.

[HB 1071](https://mylrc.sdlegislature.gov/api/Documents/275801.pdf) – Scope of Practice

Introduced by Representative Brian Mulder (R), HB 1071 changes the practice criteria for physician assistants from a supervisory to a collaborative model. The bill was filed in the House and is pending referral to a committee.

[SB 102](https://mylrc.sdlegislature.gov/api/Documents/277363.pdf) – Scope of Practice

Introduced by Senator Leslie Heinemann (R), SB 102 changes the physician/physician assistant relationship from supervising to collaborating; requires the collaborating physician to be physically present at the location where the PA is providing services or immediately available by electronic means; a PA may have a collaborative agreement with more than one physician. The bill was introduced in the Senate and filed for the 2025 legislative session.

**TEXAS**

[SB 815](https://www.capitol.state.tx.us/tlodocs/89R/billtext/pdf/SB00815I.pdf) – Artificial Intelligence

Introduced by Senator Charles Schwertner (R), SB 815 prohibits utilization review entities from relying solely on artificial intelligence to deny, delay, or modify health care services; only a physician can make determinations. The bill was pre-filed in the Senate for the 2025 legislative session.

**UTAH**

[HB 288](https://le.utah.gov/Session/2025/bills/introduced/HB0288.pdf) – Professional Liability

Introduced by Representative Nelson Abbott (R), HB 288 extends the statute of limitations for professional liability cases from two to four years after the discovery of an injury, and from four to eight years after the alleged act of omission; sets a new cap for causes of action from $450,000 to $950,000. The bill was introduced in the House and is pending referral to a committee.

**VIRGINIA**

[HB 230](https://lis.blob.core.windows.net/legacy/982981.PDF) – Cancer

Introduced by Delegate Shelly Simonds (D), HB 230 requires health insurers to provide no cost sharing diagnostic and supplemental breast exams. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Labor and Commerce Committee.

[HB 978](https://lis.blob.core.windows.net/legacy/984907.PDF) – Scope of Practice

Introduced by Delegate Rodney Willett (D), HB 978 moves the regulation of advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) and certified nurse anesthetists (CRNA) out from under the medical board to the nursing board; maintains physician supervision for CRNAs; APRNs and CRNAs who have completed at least five years of full-time clinical experience as an APRN may practice in the practice category without a practice agreement. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Health and Human Services Committee.

[HB 1322](https://lis.blob.core.windows.net/legacy/982176.PDF) – Scope of Practice

Introduced by Delegate Mark Sickles (D), HB 1322 eliminates the supervision requirement for certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNA); requires CRNAs work in consultation with a physician; regulated jointly by the boards of medicine and nursing. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Health and Human Services Committee.

[SB 1436](https://lis.blob.core.windows.net/files/1023071.PDF) – Cancer

Introduced by Senator Russet Perry (D), SB 1436 requires health insurers to provide no cost sharing breast cancer screenings, including mammograms, breast magnetic resonance imaging, or breast ultrasound. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Commerce and Labor Committee.

**WASHINGTON**

[HB 1445](https://lawfilesext.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2025-26/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1445.pdf) – Insurance

Introduced by Representative Lisa Parshley (D), HB 1445 establishes universal health coverage with no premiums and copayments and funded through employment investments and a capital gains tax. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Health Care and Wellness Committee.

[HB 1507](https://lawfilesext.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2025-26/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1507.pdf) – Professional Liability

Introduced by Representative Shaun Scott (D), HB 1507 prohibits nondisclosure and non-disparagement clauses in health care agreements between physicians and patients related to professional liability cases; violators can be fined up to $10,000 plus reasonable attorneys' fees and costs. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Civil Rights and Judiciary Committee.

[SB 5324](https://lawfilesext.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2025-26/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5324.pdf) – Prior Authorization

Introduced by Senator Annette Cleveland (D), SB 5324 requires health insurers to process electronic prior authorization (PA) requests within three calendar days, urgent requests within one day; PA requirements must be based on evidence-based criteria and updated annually. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Health and Long-Term Care Committee.

[SB 5353](https://lawfilesext.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2025-26/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5353.pdf) – Bariatric Surgery

Introduced by Senator Annette Cleveland (D), SB 5353 mandates health insurers cover metabolic and bariatric surgery. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Health and Long-Term Care Committee.

[SB 5387](https://lawfilesext.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2025-26/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5387.pdf) – Corporate Practice of Medicine

Introduced by June Robinson (D), SB 5387 prohibits unlicensed individuals or entities to own a medical practice or influence clinical decisions; restricts financial and managerial arrangements that could compromise the independence of medical practices; violations are unprofessional conduct; licensed health care professionals must hold the majority of voting shares, serve as the majority of directors, and all officer positions except for secretary and treasurer. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Health and Long-Term Care Committee.

[SB 5395](https://lawfilesext.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2025-26/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5395.pdf) – Prior Authorization

Introduced by Senator Tina Orwall (D), SB 5395 mandates health insurers respond to urgent electronic prior authorizations (PA) requests within one day and nonurgent requests within calendar three days; determinations of medical necessity must be made by a licensed physician and not with artificial intelligence; requires health insurers provide PA requirements in an easy to understand format; any changes to the PA process can only be made annually with four months’ notice of the changes; prohibits retrospective denial for any care that received PA; requires reporting of PA data to commissioner. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Health and Long-Term Care Committee.

**WYOMING**

[HB 222](https://wyoleg.gov/2025/Introduced/HB0222.pdf) – Moral Conscience

Introduced by Representative Pepper Ottman (R), HB 222 allows health care professionals, institutions, and payers to refuse to participate in or pay for health care services conflicting with their ethical, moral, or religious beliefs; provides immunity from civil or criminal liability. The bill was pre-filed in the House for the 2025 legislative session.

[HB 239](https://wyoleg.gov/2025/Introduced/HB0239.pdf) – Criminalization

Introduced by Representative Mike Yin (D), HB 239 prohibits unauthorized abortions; violations impose penalties of up to one year of imprisonment or $5,000 fine. The bill was received for introduction in the House.