

Legislation Failing to Advance to the Governor in 2021

The following bills were tracked by LeadingAge NY and failed to pass both houses of the Legislature during the 2021 session. These bills remain active for the upcoming 2022 Legislative Session.

TBI Access to DD Services

[A.124 \(Gottfried\)](#)

Summary: Authorizes the integration of individuals with traumatic brain injuries (TBI) sustained after age 21 into certified developmental disabilities (DD) programs.

Position: [Support](#)

Outcome: Remained in Assembly Health Committee.

Consecutive Hours for Non-Nursing Direct Care

[A.136 \(Gunther\)](#)

Summary: Includes non-nursing direct care staff in provisions of law relating to restrictions on consecutive hours of work.

Position: Concerns

Outcome: Remained in Assembly Labor Committee.

Quality Innovation and Improvement Through Home Care

[A.139 \(Gottfried\)](#)

Summary: Establishes the program of health care quality innovation and improvement through home care. The bill would promote a new quality measurement and analytical tool and guidelines/special trainings for staff.

Position: Support

Outcome: Remained in Assembly Health Committee.

Community Paramedicine

[A.151 \(Gottfried\)/S.1590 \(Rivera\)](#)

Summary: Authorizes emergency medical technicians (EMTs) or advanced EMTs, acting as part of a collaborative program with other health care providers, to offer community paramedicine services within their existing scope of practice.

Position: Oppose

Outcome: Remained in Assembly Health Committee and advanced to Senate Floor Calendar.

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Private Right of Action for Nursing Home Residents

[A.159 \(Gottfried\)/S.995 \(Hoylman\)](#)

Summary: Allows a nursing home patient's right to sue for injuries to be exercised by the patient's legal representative or estate.

Position: Oppose

Outcome: Advanced and remained in Assembly Codes Committee and remained in Senate Health Committee.

Payments to HCBS

[A.161 \(Gottfried\)/S.2526 \(Rivera\)](#)

Summary: Amends the Public Health Law to assure that Medicaid managed care plans pass through in whole the money provided by the State to finance the incremental advancements in minimum wage.

Position: No Position

Outcome: Remained in Assembly and Senate Health Committees.

RN at EALRs and SNALRs

[A.171 \(Gottfried\)](#)

Summary: Requires a registered nurse (RN) to be on staff at facilities certified for enhanced assisted living (EALRs) or special needs assisted living (SNALRs).

Position: [Oppose](#)

Outcome: Remained in Assembly Health Committee.

PPE Payments for Home Care Workers

[A.179 \(Gottfried\)/S.2543 \(Rivera\)](#)

Summary: Requires Managed Long Term Care Plans (MLTCs) to reimburse home care agencies and fiscal intermediaries (FIs) for personal protective equipment (PPE) costs and a 90-day inventory.

Position: [Concerns](#)

Outcome: Advanced and remained in Assembly Ways and Means and Senate Finance Committees.

Hours Worked by Nurses[A.181-A \(Gunther\)/S.4885-A \(Savino\)](#)

Summary: Adds home care visits to the existing law that no health care employer shall require a registered professional nurse or a licensed practical nurse (LPN) to work more than that nurse's regularly scheduled work hours or home care visits.

Position: [Oppose](#)

Outcome: Passed Assembly and advanced and remained on Senate Floor Calendar.

TBI/NHTD Managed Care Carve-Out[A.192 \(Gottfried\)/S.1577 \(Rivera\)](#)

Summary: Allows individuals receiving TBI and Nursing Home Transition and Diversion (NHTD) waiver services to continue to receive such services outside of managed care programs.

Position: [Support](#)

Outcome: Passed Senate and advanced and remained in Assembly Ways and Means Committee.

Safety Violations in ACFs[A.196 \(Gottfried\)/S.1576 \(Rivera\)](#)

Summary: Requires an annual audit of facilities that receive funds under the Enhancing the Quality of Adult Living (EQUAL) program, increases maximum civil penalties for ACF violations from \$1,000 per day to \$5,000 per violation per day, and authorizes a pre-hearing suspension or limitation of an ACF's operating certificate in cases of imminent danger to residents.

Position: [Oppose](#)

Outcome: Advanced and remained on Assembly and Senate Floor Calendars.

Automatic Dispensing Machines[A.215 \(Gottfried\)](#)

Summary: Permits the storing of prescribed drugs that have been lawfully dispensed by a pharmacist, intended only for a nursing home resident, in an automatic dispensing machine within the nursing facility.

Position: Oppose

Outcome: Remained in Assembly Higher Education Committee.

Increase in Nursing Home Civil Penalties[A.232-C \(Gottfried\)](#)

Summary: Raises the maximum penalties for violations of the Public Health Law. Authorizes amounts collected from nursing homes in excess of \$10,000 per violation.

Position: [Oppose](#)

Outcome: Passed Assembly.

Publication of HERDS Data[A.244-A \(Gottfried\)](#)

Summary: Creates the Health Emergency Response Data System (HERDS) and requires DOH to disclose, within seven days of its receipt, the aggregate data from HERDS reports submitted during public health emergencies (PHEs) to the entities reporting, government entities, and the public.

Position: [Concerns](#)

Outcome: Passed Assembly.

Consecutive Nurse Hours[A.286 \(Gunther\)/S.1997 \(Jackson\)](#)

Summary: Establishes a mechanism for a civil penalty in the event an employer violates the provisions of law that place restrictions on consecutive hours of work for nurses.

Position: Oppose

Outcome: Passed Senate and remained in Assembly Labor Committee.

Rates of Payment for Certified Home Health Agencies[A.293 \(Gottfried\)/S.2117 \(Rivera\)](#)

Summary: Authorizes DOH to provide a 10 percent increase in the base episodic payment, and in the individual rates for services exempt from episodic payments. Establishes minimum standards and a minimum benchmark for home care services payments.

Position: No Position

Outcome: Remained in Assembly Ways and Means and Senate Health Committees.

Overtime for CNAs[A.363 \(Gunther\)](#)

Summary: Includes CNAs in provisions of law relating to restrictions on consecutive hours of work.

Position: [Oppose](#)

Outcome: Remained in Assembly Labor Committee.

Filming of Medical Treatments[A.520-A \(Braunstein\)](#)[S.484-A \(Krueger\)](#)

Summary: Requires a medical facility or related services to obtain express prior written consent before the making and/or broadcasting of visual images of a patient's medical treatment.

Position: Concerns

Outcome: Passed Senate and was laid aside on Assembly Floor.

DFS-Compliant Cybersecurity Policy for CCRCs[A.749 \(Cahill\)](#)

Summary: Permits continuing care retirement communities (CCRCs) to adopt written cybersecurity policies and self-certify that such policies are not inconsistent with the goals of the cybersecurity regulations promulgated by the Department of Financial Services (DFS) in 2017.

Position: [Support](#)

Outcome: Remained in Assembly Insurance Committee.

SSI Increase for ACFs[A.821 \(Pheffer Amato\)](#)[S.4400 \(Serino\)](#)

Summary: Increases the state portion of the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Congregate Care Level 3 rate to enable ACFs to continue to care for SSI recipients.

Position: [Support](#)

Outcome: Remained in Assembly Social Services Committee.

HCBS Eligibility Look-Back Period[A.833-A \(Gottfried\)/S.2542-A \(Rivera\)](#)

Summary: Relates to the definition of the "look-back period" for the determination of eligibility of an individual for medical assistance benefits and exempts certain assets used on the individual's behalf.

Position: No Position

Outcome: Advanced and remained in Assembly Ways and Means Committee and passed Senate.

Nursing Home-MLTC Rural Demonstration[A.882 \(Jones\)/S.5345 \(Stec\)](#)

Summary: Authorizes the Commissioner of Health to allow, in one or more rural areas, one or more MLTC plans to enroll Medicaid beneficiaries and retain existing enrollees who are permanently placed in a nursing home on a demonstration basis.

Position: [Support](#)

Outcome: Remained in Assembly and Senate Health Committees.

Publication of Nursing Home Inspection Results[A.1010-A \(Bronson\)/S.2022-A \(May\)](#)

Summary: Requires DOH to publish the results of nursing home inspections on their website within 30 days.

Position: [Concerns](#)

Outcome: Passed Assembly and advanced and remained on Senate Floor Calendar.

Increase in Reserved Bed Holds[A.1053 \(Cahill\)](#)

Summary: Increases the number of days within a 12-month period that a facility may receive reimbursement for a reserved bed from 10 days to 25 days.

Position: No Position

Outcome: Remained in Assembly Health Committee.

Capital Funding for Assisted Living Programs

[A.1342 \(Magnarelli\)](#)

Summary: Adds the Assisted Living Program (ALP) as an eligible provider type under the Vital Access Provider (VAP) program.

Position: [Support](#)

Outcome: Remained in Assembly Health Committee.

ACF and Nursing Home Closure Commission

[A.1944 \(Simon\)](#)

Summary: Creates a temporary state commission to study and investigate the effects of closures of LTC facilities on the residents of such facilities and their families.

Position: [Oppose](#)

Outcome: Remained in Assembly Aging Committee.

Duty to Report Incidents

[A.2060-A \(Barrett\)/S.3410 \(Brouk\)](#)

Summary: Allows a mandated reporter to refrain from filing an incident report when the reportable incident has already been reported to the register.

Position: Support

Outcome: Passed Senate and advanced and remained in Assembly Codes Committee.

Notice of Assisted Living Facility Changes

[A.2100 \(Rosenthal\)](#)

Summary: Requires assisted living facilities to notify residents of changes to medical and support services 180 days prior to such changes taking effect.

Position: Oppose

Outcome: Remained in Assembly Health Committee.

ALR Closures

[A.2211 \(Simon\)/S.3932 \(Savino\)](#)

Summary: Specifies procedures for the closure and/or decertification of assisted living residences (ALRs).

Position: No Position

Outcome: Passed Assembly and advanced and remained on Senate Floor Calendar.

COVID-19 Testing of Nursing Home Residents

[A.2218 \(Jacobson\)/S.1177 \(May\)](#)

Summary: Requires nursing homes to test all residents for COVID-19 every 30 days and within seven days after a staff member or another resident tests positive. This requirement would apply during the state of emergency and for 60 days thereafter.

Position: Oppose

Outcome: Remained in Assembly and Senate Health Committees.

Mandatory Reporting in ACFs

[A.2420 \(Aubry\)](#)

Summary: Establishes mandatory reporting requirements for mentally or physically incapacitated persons and affords them the same protections currently afforded to minors in New York State.

Position: No Position

Outcome: Remained in Assembly Health Committee.

Nursing Home Closures

[A.2432 \(Niou\)/S.2847 \(Kavanagh\)](#)

Summary: Amends the Public Health Law to strengthen oversight over nursing homes by creating a transparent process when nursing homes are threatened in New York City.

Position: No Position

Outcome: Advanced to Assembly Rules Committee and remained in Senate Health Committee.

Violations in Residential Care Programs

[A.2536 \(Weinstein\)/S.3523-A \(Parker\)](#)

Summary: Prevents the use of property guardianships under Article 81 of the Mental Hygiene Law by nursing homes and other providers to pursue payment from incapable residents for their services, when the residents or their representatives fail to pay for such services.

Position: [Support Intent](#)

Outcome: Passed Assembly and remained in Senate Mental Health Committee.

Nursing Home Outbreak Requirements

[A.3131-A \(Kim\)/S.1080-A \(Gounardes\)](#)

Summary: Creates new requirements for DOH and nursing homes in the context of a disaster emergency that involves a disease outbreak. These new requirements pertain to visitation and fatality rates.

Position: [Concerns](#)

Outcome: Passed Assembly and remained in Senate Finance Committee.

COVID-19 Pandemic Response in Nursing Homes

[A.3162 \(Kim\)/S.2067 \(Tedisco\)](#)

Summary: Establishes an independent, bipartisan state commission to fully investigate the deaths of 6,200 New Yorkers who died from COVID-19 in state-regulated nursing homes.

Position: No Position

Outcome: Remained in Assembly and Senate Health Committees.

Transition to Adulthood for Children with Medical Fragility

[A.3235 \(Sayegh\)/S.1029 \(Stewart-Cousins\)](#)

Summary: Aids in the transition to adulthood for children with medical fragility living in pediatric nursing homes and other settings.

Position: Support

Outcome: Remained in Assembly Health Committee and advanced and remained in Senate Finance Committee.

Patient Medical Debt Protection Act

[A.3470-B \(Gottfried\)/S.2521-B \(Rivera\)](#)

Summary: Requires notice to patients when a facility fee will be charged and whether the patient's health coverage will cover the fee.

Position: No Position

Outcome: Advanced and remained in Assembly Ways and Means Committee and passed Senate.

Affordable Senior Housing and Services Program

[A.3531 \(Cymbrowitz\)/S.3006 \(Kavanagh\)](#)

Summary: Establishes an Affordable Senior Housing and Services Program with its own rules and scoring criteria and provides for optional basic healthy aging services for senior housing residents.

Position: [Support](#)

Outcome: Remained in Assembly and Senate Housing Committees.

Affordable Independent Senior Housing Assistance Program

[A.3612 \(Cymbrowitz\)/S.3129 \(Kavanagh\)](#)

Summary: Establishes an Affordable Independent Senior Housing Assistance Program to complement the State's historic commitment of \$125 million for senior housing capital and create a cost-effective model for seniors to age in place.

Position: [Support](#)

Outcome: Remained in Assembly and Senate Housing Committees.

Independent Senior Housing Resident Freedom of Choice Act

[A.3626 \(Cymbrowitz\)](#)

Summary: Clarifies that individuals living in senior housing have the right to access and obtain the same services that they would if they were an individual residing in the community, from the provider of their choosing.

Position: [Support](#)

Outcome: Remained in Assembly Aging Committee.

Private Duty Nursing

[A.4073 \(Abinanti\)/S.238 \(Thomas\)](#)

Summary: Provides a mechanism for a Medicaid recipient who is authorized to receive in-home private duty nursing services to receive such services from a relative who is a registered professional nurse.

Position: No Position

Outcome: Advanced and remained in Assembly Ways and Means Committee and passed Senate.

Criminal History Record Checks for ACF Employees

[A.4276 \(Jensen\)](#)

Summary: Provides for criminal history background checks of supportive maintenance employees in ACFs and assisted living facilities, similar to checks completed on nursing home employees.

Position: [Oppose](#)

Outcome: Remained in Assembly Health Committee.

TBI Medical Assistance Eligibility

[A.4309 \(Gottfried\)](#)

Summary: Provides eligibility for medical assistance for personal care services for persons with TBI, DD, cognitive impairments, blindness, or visual impairment.

Position: [Support](#)

Outcome: Advanced and remained in Assembly Ways and Means Committee.

Medical Aid in Dying Act

[A.4321-A \(Paulin\)/S.6471 \(Savino\)](#)

Summary: Allows mentally competent, terminally ill individuals with a life expectancy of less than six months to request life-ending medication from their physician.

Position: No Position

Outcome: Remained in Assembly and Senate Health Committees.

Medication Aides in St. Lawrence County Nursing Homes

[A.4375 \(Walczyk\)/S.1156 \(Ritchie\)](#)

Summary: Authorizes a demonstration program to test the use of medication technicians in nursing homes in St. Lawrence County.

Position: [Support](#)

Outcome: Remained in Assembly and Senate Higher Education Committees.

Residential Demonstration Program for Persons with Advanced Needs

[A.4656-A \(Gottfried\)/S.4546-A \(Rivera\)](#)

Summary: Establishes a demonstration residential program to provide medical, nursing, and social supports to persons with severe cognitive and behavioral dysfunction.

Position: Oppose

Outcome: Advanced and remained in Assembly Ways and Means Committee and remained in Senate Health Committee.

Infection Control Cohorting

[A.4980 \(Gottfried\)](#)

Summary: Requires nursing homes to establish and implement a plan or procedure designating a separate cohort area during an infectious disease outbreak as part of their pandemic emergency plan.

Position: No Position

Outcome: Remained in Assembly Health Committee.

Video Communication Devices in Nursing Homes

[A.5283 \(Davila\)](#)

Summary: Requires that both hospitals and nursing homes provide video communication devices to patients during any time when visitor access is limited.

Position: Concerns

Outcome: Remained in Assembly Health Committee.

Automatic Dispensing Machines

[A.5512-A \(Dinowitz\)/S.4102-A \(Savino\)](#)

Summary: Permits the use of Automated Dispensing Devices (ADDs) within health care facilities.

Position: Support

Outcome: Remained in Assembly Higher Education Committee and passed Senate.

State Food Standards for Public Entities

[A.5682-A \(Gottfried\)/S.4644-A \(Biaggi\)](#)

Summary: Adds “State Food Standards” to the Public Health Law and requires DOH to develop food standards for all food bought, sold, served, and promoted by state agencies and on state property.

Position: Concerns

Outcome: Remained in Assembly Governmental Operations Committee and advanced and remained on Senate Floor Calendar.

Nursing Home Direct Care Spending Requirements

[A.5685-A \(Gottfried\)](#)

[S.4336-A \(Rivera\)](#)

Summary: Establishes a resident care spending ratio for nursing home expenditures, requiring at least 70 percent of operating revenue to be spent on resident care.

Position: [Oppose Assembly](#); [Oppose Senate](#)

Outcome: Different bill versions passed each house. Ultimately, a version of this language was included in SFY 2021-22 Final Budget.

Antipsychotic Use in Nursing Homes and ACFs

[A.5841-A \(Gottfried\)/S.2103-A \(Sepulveda\)](#)

Summary: Requires an enhanced level of informed consent before psychotropic medications can be prescribed for patients residing in nursing homes or ACFs.

Position: [Oppose](#)

Outcome: Passed Assembly and advanced and remained on Senate Floor Calendar.

New For-Profit Nursing Home Licenses

[A.5842 \(Gottfried\)/S.5269 \(Rivera\)](#)

Summary: Prohibits all future establishment or expansion of bed capacity of a nursing home owned or operated, in whole or part, by a for-profit entity.

Position: No Position

Outcome: Passed Assembly and remained in Senate Health Committee.

Prohibition of Termination of Tenancy for Seniors

[A.5970 \(Burdick\)/S.1106 \(Stewart-Cousins\)](#)

Summary: Places limitations on a landlord’s ability to terminate the tenancy of seniors residing in certain housing facilities.

Position: [Oppose](#)

Outcome: Passed Senate and remained in Assembly Aging Committee.

MLTC Plan Ownership

[A.6034 \(Pichardo\)](#)

Summary: Amends the Public Health Law’s definition of “eligible applicant” for certification as an MLTC plan to require eligible insurers and health maintenance organizations to be not-for-profit. An exception would recognize entities already certified.

Position: Support

Outcome: Remained in Assembly Health Committee.

Nursing Home Notice of Infectious Disease

[A.6052 \(Lunsford\)/S.1785-A \(Skoufis\)](#)

Summary: Requires nursing homes to notify residents and families within 12 hours of detecting an infection among residents or staff and have a plan in place for effective separation of residents suspected of being infectious.

Position: Oppose

Outcome: Passed Assembly and remained in Senate Health Committee.

New York Health Act

[A.6058 \(Gottfried\)/S.5474 \(Rivera\)](#)

Summary: Creates a universal single payer health plan – New York Health – to provide comprehensive health coverage for all New Yorkers.

Position: No Position

Outcome: Advanced and remained in Assembly Codes Committee and remained in Senate Health Committee.

Essential Caregivers in Nursing Homes

[A.6109 \(Miller\)](#)

Summary: Allows residents to designate an essential person who would be permitted to be present and provide aid at a nursing home.

Position: Concerns

Outcome: Remained in Assembly Health Committee.

Delivery of Telehealth Services

[A.6256 \(Woerner\)/S.5505 \(Rivera\)](#)

Summary: Requires patient consent for the use of telehealth services, requires that the reimbursement rate for the delivery of such services shall be the same as if such services were delivered in person, and requires that health care plans ensure that enrollees have access to all covered services.

Position: No Position

Outcome: Remained in Assembly Insurance Committee and advanced and remained on Senate Floor Calendar.

Fair Pay for Home Care

[A.6329 \(Gottfried\)/S.5374 \(May\)](#)

Summary: Establishes a base wage rate for home care workers at 150 percent of the current minimum wage or other set minimum rate, and additional benefit portions of the minimum rate separate from the cash portion. Directs DOH to set regional minimum rates of reimbursement for home care aides under Medicaid and managed care plans.

Position: [Oppose](#)

Outcome: Advanced and remained in Assembly Ways and Means Committee and remained in Senate Health Committee.

Nursing Home Virtual Visitation Act

[A.6350 \(Bronson\)/S.597 \(May\)](#)

Summary: Establishes certain provisions to enhance the ability of nursing home residents and their families to connect virtually by allowing the installation of remote monitoring and video conferencing equipment.

Position: Concerns

Outcome: Remained in Assembly and Senate Health Committees.

Reporting of Communicable Diseases

[A.6610 \(Bichotte\)/S.3061-A \(Rivera\)](#)

Summary: Requires that DOH update its regular reporting of "Nursing Home and Adult Care Facility COVID Related Deaths Statewide" to include those COVID-19 confirmed and presumed positive cases of residents who were transferred from a nursing home or ACF to a hospital and died in the hospital retrospective to March 1, 2020.

Position: Oppose

Outcome: Passed Senate and advanced and remained in Assembly Rules Committee.

Hospital and Nursing Home Funding Reduction Information for Elected Officials

[A.6886 \(Pheffer Amato\)/S.5670 \(Sanders\)](#)

Summary: Requires that any information or data used by the Governor, the Division of the Budget, DOH, or any other relevant state agency to justify reductions in funding to hospitals or nursing homes be made available to state elected officials prior to any vote or reduction in appropriations.

Position: No Position

Outcome: Remained in Assembly Ways and Means Committee and advanced and remained on Senate Floor Calendar.

LHCSA Services for Medicaid Recipients

[A.7304 \(Gottfried\)/S.6640 \(May\)](#)

Summary: Restores the right of a qualified licensed home care services agency (LHCSA) to serve Medicaid enrollees.

Position: [Support](#)

Outcome: Advanced and remained in Assembly Ways and Means Committee and remained in Senate Health Committee.

ACFs and Temporary Operators

[A.7532 \(Gottfried\)/S.5008 \(Reichlin-Melnick\)](#)

Summary: Establishes a cause of action by residents of ACFs to petition for appointment of a temporary operator.

Position: [Concerns](#)

Outcome: *Advanced and remained in Assembly Rules Committee and remained in Senate Health Committee.*

Home Care Jobs Innovation Program

[A.7540 \(Kim\)/S.4222 \(May\)](#)

Summary: Establishes the home care jobs innovation program, which would grant awards to projects to support innovative programs that support recruiting and retention efforts within the home care workforce.

Position: Support

Outcome: *Remained in Assembly Health Committee and advanced and remained in Senate Finance Committee.*

Justice Center Registry

[A.7682-A \(Fernandez\)/S.7106-A \(Mannion\)](#)

Summary: Adds entities to the list of facilities and providers required to check the register of substantiated category one cases of abuse or neglect maintained by the Justice Center prior to hiring individuals.

Position: Oppose

Outcome: *Advanced and remained in Assembly Codes Committee and passed Senate.*

LGBT LTC Resident Bill of Rights

[A.7807 \(Bronson\)/S.85 \(Hoylman\)](#)

Summary: Establishes the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender LTC facility residents' bill of rights.

Position: Concerns

Outcome: *Remained in Assembly Aging and Senate Health Committees.*

New Licensure and Oversight Structure for PACE

[A.7903 \(Gottfried\)/S.6664 \(May\)](#)

Summary: Establishes a new licensure and oversight structure for Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) in New York.

Position: No Position

Outcome: *Remained in Assembly Health Committee and passed Senate.*

Nursing Home Quality and Safety Study

[A.8168 \(Kim\)/S.7219 \(May\)](#)

Summary: Establishes the nursing home resident quality and safety study to study the implementation of a globally recognized frailty index score methodology in nursing homes.

Position: No Position

Outcome: *Remained in Assembly Health Committee and advanced and remained in Senate Rules Committee.*

Grants for HCBS Mentorship Programs

[A.8229 \(Gottfried\)](#)

Summary: Provides grants to home care service agencies and not-for-profit entities for providing mentor support for home care service workers.

Position: Support

Outcome: *Remained in Assembly Health Committee.*

Personal Caregiving Visitation Outside of Public Health Emergency

[A.8370 \(Bronson\)/S.7346 \(May\)](#)

Summary: Amends enacted laws of 2021 to allow for personal caregiving visitation regardless of state public health emergency status.

Position: Concerns

Outcome: *Remained in Senate Rules Committee.*

Role of the Nurse in ACFs

[S.1593 \(Rivera\)](#)

Summary: Allows ACF and assisted living settings to directly employ LPNs or RNs in order to provide nursing services.

Position: [Support](#)

Outcome: *Remained in Senate Health Committee.*

Personal Needs Allowance for Nursing Home Residents

[S.1687 \(Ritchie\)](#)

Summary: Increases the monthly personal needs allowance for nursing home residents who are receiving or eligible to receive additional state payments.

Position: [Support](#)

Outcome: Remained in Senate Health Committee.

Personal Care Services for Individuals with TBI or DD

[S.3055-A \(Rivera\)](#)

Summary: Clarifies that provisions protecting eligibility for personal care at home afforded to persons with dementia or Alzheimer's in recently enacted legislation extend as well to persons with TBI, cognitive impairments, DD, blindness, or visual impairment.

Position: [Support](#)

Outcome: Remained in Senate Health Committee.

PHHPC Review of Nursing Homes

[S.3060 \(Rivera\)](#)

Summary: Prohibits PHHPC from approving a change in ownership or sponsorship of a facility that does not meet certain specific quality metrics.

Position: No Position

Outcome: Advanced and remained on Senate Floor Calendar.

Assisted Living Reporting and Transparency

[S.6611 \(May\)](#)

Summary: Enables DOH to establish publicly reported quality standards for ALRs, EALRs, and SNALRs and requires that these quality measures be reported annually.

Position: [Oppose](#)

Outcome: Remained in Senate Health Committee.