

referral form, you will also find medical guidance sheets regarding eligibility within sub-specialty departments.

The following state legislatures have adjourned: Florida, Idaho, Indiana, New Mexico, Oregon,

[HF 2668](#) – Biomarker

Introduced by the House Appropriations Committee, HF 2668 requires health insurance policies to cover biomarker testing for diagnosing, treating, managing, or monitoring a disease or condition in covered individuals when the test has demonstrated clinical utility. The bill was introduced in the House and is pending referral to a committee.

[SB 233](#) – Criminalization/Liability

Introduced by the Federal and State Affairs Committee, SB 233 authorizes a civil cause of action against healthcare providers for providing gender-transitioning care to children; requires professional discipline against a healthcare provider who performs such treatment; prohibits professional liability insurance from covering damages for healthcare providers who provide gender transition treatment to children. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Public Health and Welfare Committee.

ENACTED

[SB 110](#) – Prior Authorization

Introduced by Senator Kirk Talbot (R), SB 110 requires insurers offer expedited review of prior authorization requests related to the diagnosis or treatment of cancer and respond within two business days. Governor Jeff Landry (R) signed the bill into law June 12.

patients. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Commerce Finance and Policy Committee.

[HF 4945](#) – Workplace Violence

Introduced by Representative John Huot (D), HF 4945 increases the penalty for assaulting health care providers to a felony; potential to be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than three years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$6,000, or both if the assault inflicts demonstrable bodily harm. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Public Safety Finance and Policy Committee.

[SF 5138](#) – Workplace Violence

Introduced by Senator Bill Lieske (R), mandates whoever physically assaults and inflicts demonstrable bodily harm onto a physician or nurse is guilty of a felony and may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than two years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$4,000, or both. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee.

[SC 539](#) – Trauma

Introduced by Senator Walter Michel (R), SC 539 designates March 2024 as Brain Injury Awareness Month to promote the awareness of acquired brain injuries. The resolution was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Rules Committee.

122 [S 2988](#) – Telehealth

Introduced by Senator Vin Gopal (D), .C& - omandatesealti ben _ tplon

medical practitioner. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Public Health Committee.

[H 8072](#) – Payment

Introduced by Representative Teresa Tanzi (D), H 8072 mandates health insurers must ensure contracts with hospitals and healthcare providers pay at least the regional average rate. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Health and Human Services Committee.

[H 8073](#) – Cancer

Introduced by Representative Kathleen Fogarty (D), HB 8073 mandates health insurance plans issued in the state provide coverage for the use of artificial intelligence technology for analysis of breast tissue diagnostic imaging, provided the breast tissue diagnostic imaging and the review generated by artificial intelligence is independently reviewed and approved of by a physician qualified to read and interpret breast tissue diagnostic imaging. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Health and Human Services Committee.

[H 8074](#) – Scope of Practice

Introduced by Representative Edward Cardillo (R), H 8074 removes the requirement to obtain a referral from a primary care provider in order to see a specialist. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Health and Human Services Committee.

[HCR 177](#) – Cancer - **ADOPTED**

Introduced by Representative Kate McCann (D), HCR 177 recognizes March as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. The resolution was introduced in the House and adopted on March 15.

[HB 2041](#) – Scope of Practice **ENACTED**

Introduced by Representative Marcus Riccelli (D), HB 2041 allows a physician assistant (PA) who has completed 4,000 hours of postgraduate clinical practice to practice without a collaborative agreement with a physician; provisions for 2,000 additional hours under collaboration with a physician if the PA chooses to change specialties. Governor Phil Murphy (D) signed the bill into law on March 13.

[AB 954](#) – Licensure

Introduced by Representative Calvin Callahan (R), AB 954 creates provisional licenses for internationally trained physicians to practice as a physician within the state; provisional licenses to practice as a physician are automatically converted into permanent licenses after the provisional license holder practices in this state and maintains good standingdua vÖ ua vÖ ua vÖ ua

