



Below are New Jersey bills which the New Jersey Association of Mental Health and Addiction Agencies, Inc. (NJAMHAA) has been tracking and which have passed into law during the 217th Legislative Session.

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# Bills Passed into Law – Legislative Session 217 (2016-2017)

Bill #	Bill Topics	Summary	Status
<a href="#">A2503</a>	Developmental Disabilities	Provides protections for individuals with developmental disabilities; upgrades crimes committed against such individuals; and improves transparency and accountability in investigations of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of such individuals; designated as "Stephen Komninos' Law."*	<b>2017-10-06 / Passed</b> Approved P.L.2017, c.238.
<a href="#">A320</a>	Health Insurance	Establishes minimum Medicaid reimbursement rate for personal care services.	<b>2017-10-06 / Passed</b> Approved P.L.2017, c.239.
<a href="#">S2563</a>	Housing	Clarifies DCA rulemaking authority over free-standing residential health care facilities, and prohibits eviction of residents from such facilities, except for good cause.	<b>2017-09-13 / Passed</b> Approved P.L.2017, c.234.
<a href="#">A1661</a>	Criminal Justice System, Health Insurance	Expands eligibility of inmates for medical parole and requires inmate's enrollment in Medicaid under certain circumstances.	<b>2017-09-13 / Passed</b> Approved P.L.2017, c.235.
<a href="#">S1359</a>	Housing	Guarantees full and equal access to all housing to disabled persons who retain their retired service or guide dog as a pet, and who also obtain a new service or guide dog.	<b>2017-08-07 / Passed</b> Approved P.L.2017, c.187.

<a href="#">A3386</a>	Children's, Developmental Disabilities	Provides protections for children under the age of 18 with developmental disabilities and individuals with developmental disabilities ages 18-21 receiving services from Division of Children's System of Care.	<b>2017-08-07 / Passed</b> Approved P.L.2017, c.213.
<a href="#">A3944</a>	Children's, Substance Use	Requires DOE to develop educational fact sheet for distribution to parents of student-athletes and cheerleaders concerning use and misuse of prescription opioids.	<b>2017-07-21 / Passed</b> Approved P.L.2017, c.167.
<a href="#">A1662</a>	Data/Reporting/IT	Requires development and maintenance of data dashboard report to advise of open bed availability in residential facilities providing behavioral health services.	<b>2017-07-21 / Passed</b> Approved P.L.2017, c.155.
<a href="#">S5</a>	Data/Reporting/IT	Establishes data reporting requirements for emergency medical services providers and dispatch centers.	<b>2017-07-21 / Passed</b> Approved P.L.2017, c.116.
<a href="#">A4568</a>	Health Insurance	Prohibits health insurers, SHBP, SEHBP, certain health care providers, and Medicaid from discriminating in providing coverage and services based on gender identity.*	<b>2017-07-21 / Passed</b> Approved P.L.2017, c.176.
<a href="#">S291</a>	Health Insurance	Authorizes health care providers to engage in telemedicine and telehealth.*	<b>2017-07-21 / Passed</b> Approved P.L.2017, c.117.
<a href="#">A4399</a>	Mental Health	Establishes Gold Star Family Counseling Program in DMVA; creates tax credit for certain health care professionals.	<b>2017-07-21 / Passed</b> Approved P.L.2017, c.174.

<a href="#"><u>S2331</u></a>	Mental Health, Workforce	Establishes tuition reimbursement program for certain psychiatrists who work in underserved areas or psychiatric hospitals in New Jersey.*	<b>2017-07-21 / Passed</b> Approved P.L.2017, c.126.
<a href="#"><u>A4081</u></a>	Misc.	"Charlie's Law"; Establishes civil penalties for persons who interfere with or deny persons with disabilities accompanied by service or guide dogs access to places of public accommodation.	<b>2017-07-21 / Passed</b> Approved P.L.2017, c.169.
<a href="#"><u>S2721</u></a>	Misc.	Implements person-first language and changes pejorative terminology referring to persons with certain disabilities or substance use disorders.	<b>2017-07-21 / Passed</b> Approved P.L.2017, c.131.
<a href="#"><u>S2970</u></a>	Substance Use	Allows hospice care programs to accept unused prescription medications for disposal under certain circumstances.	<b>2017-07-21 / Passed</b> Approved P.L.2017, c.135.
<a href="#"><u>A4334</u></a>	Health Insurance	Requires alternative payment models to register with DOH; permits health care practitioners to refer patients to health care service in which the practitioner has beneficial interest when related to alternative payment model.	<b>2017-07-13 / Passed</b> Approved P.L.2017, c.111.
<a href="#"><u>S2878</u></a>	Integrated Care, Mental Health, Substance Use	Requires DOH to permit certain health care facilities to use shared clinical space when providing primary health care and behavioral health care for mild to moderate behavioral health conditions.	<b>2017-07-13 / Passed</b> Approved P.L.2017, c.107.
<a href="#"><u>S1451</u></a>	Children's	Directs DOE to make database of special education decisions available on website.	<b>2017-07-13 / Passed</b> Approved P.L.2017, c.103.

<u>S2</u>	Health Insurance	Clarifies role of health service corporations, revises membership of board of directors, regulates surplus, and requires timely publication of certain information by DOBI.	<b>2017-07-04 / Passed</b> Approved P.L.2017, c.100.
<u>S2844</u>	Misc.	Eliminates certificate of need requirement for inpatient psychiatric hospital beds for treatment of psychiatric and substance use disorder dual diagnosis.	<b>2017-07-03 / Passed</b> Approved P.L.2017, c.94.
<u>S651</u>	Workforce	Requires family day care providers and certain household members to undergo criminal history record background checks.	<b>2017-06-09 / Passed</b> Approved P.L.2017, c.89.
<u>S972</u>	Children's	Establishes Child Advocacy Center-Multidisciplinary Team Advisory Board and certification program for child advocacy centers and multidisciplinary teams; appropriates \$10 million.	<b>2017-06-09 / Passed</b> Approved P.L.2017, c.90.
<u>S295</u>	Health Insurance, Substance Use, Workforce	Requires DOH to issue standing order authorizing pharmacists to dispense opioid antidotes to patients without individual prescriptions.*	<b>2017-06-09 / Passed</b> Approved P.L.2017, c.88.
<u>A4146</u>	Rates	Provides for monitoring and evaluation of transition of mental health and substance use disorder treatment service system and developmental disability system to fee-for-service reimbursement model; makes appropriation.*	<b>2017-05-11 / Passed</b> Approved P.L.2017, c.85.
<u>A815</u>	Housing	Concerns Code Blue alert plans to shelter at-risk individuals. *	<b>2017-05-11 / Passed</b> Approved P.L.2017, c.68.

<u>S913</u>	Workforce	Permits hospitals to establish system for making performance-based incentive payments to physicians.	<b>2017-05-01 / Passed</b> Approved P.L.2017, c.46.
<u>S307</u>	Mental Health	Creates Veterans Diversion Program to divert eligible servicemembers away from criminal justice system and into appropriate case management and mental health services.**	<b>2017-05-01 / Passed</b> Approved P.L.2017, c.42.
<u>S1825</u>	Developmental Disabilities	Establishes task force to study and make recommendations concerning mobility and support services needs of NJ adults with autism spectrum disorder.	<b>2017-05-01 / Passed</b> Approved P.L.2017, c.53.
<u>S1475</u>	Children's	Establishes three-year Medicaid home visitation demonstration project.	<b>2017-05-01 / Passed</b> Approved P.L.2017, c.50.
<u>S3</u>	Substance Use	Requires health insurance coverage for treatment of substance use disorders; places certain restrictions on the prescription of opioid and certain other drugs; concerns continuing education related thereto.	<b>2017-02-15 / Passed</b> Approved P.L.2017, c.28.
<u>A2199</u>	Housing	Establishes veterans' preference for affordable housing in certain housing projects.	<b>2017-02-10 / Passed</b> Approved P.L.2017, c.19.
<u>A2619</u>	Criminal Justice System, Substance Use	Requires that certain inmates with detainers be provided access to drug treatment programs.	<b>2017-02-10 / Passed</b> Approved P.L.2017, c.23.
<u>S1474</u>	Children's, Developmental Disabilities	Requires teacher preparation program for instructional certificate to include certain amount of instruction or clinical experience in special	<b>2017-02-06 / Passed</b> Approved P.L.2007, c.6.

		education and for students with disabilities endorsement to include credit hours in autism spectrum disorder.	
<a href="#"><u>S2156</u></a>	Children's, Substance Use	Requires prescribers to discuss addiction risk associated with certain drugs prior to issuing prescription to minor patient.	<b>2017-02-06 / Passed</b> Approved P.L.2017, c.8.
<a href="#"><u>S2850</u></a>	Criminal Justice System	Increases number of Superior Court judgeships to support implementation of constitutional and statutory criminal justice reform, including new pretrial release and detention proceedings, and speedy trial rights; appropriates \$9.3 million.	<b>2017-01-09 / Passed</b> Approved P.L.2019, c.103.
<a href="#"><u>A2106</u></a>	Misc.	Permits homeless to receive certified copy of birth certificate without fee.	<b>2017-01-09 / Passed</b> Approved P.L.2016, c.98.
<a href="#"><u>A2107</u></a>	Misc.	Exempts homeless from fee for non-driver identification cards.	<b>2017-01-09 / Passed</b> Approved P.L.2016, c.99.
<a href="#"><u>S2463</u></a>	Children's	Changes the time when child placement review hearings are initiated from 45 days to 60 days.	<b>2017-01-09 / Passed</b> Approved P.L.2016, c.90.
<a href="#"><u>S2024</u></a>	Misc.	Clarifies that product approval from U.S. Food and Drug Administration is not required for drug manufacturer to file registration statement, and specifies timeframe by which DOH must review registration statements.	<b>2016-12-05 / Passed</b> Approved P.L.2016, c.73.
<a href="#"><u>S1041</u></a>	Developmental Disabilities	Requires DHS to develop timeline for use by individuals with developmental disabilities to gain	<b>2016-12-05 / Passed</b> Approved P.L.2016, c.72.

		benefit of State and federal programs; requires posting timeline on DHS, DCF, and DOE websites.	
<u>S384</u>	Criminal Justice System	Requires correctional facilities to provide inmates with prescription medication that was prescribed for chronic conditions existing prior to incarceration.	<b>2016-12-05 / Passed</b> Approved P.L.2016, c.70.
<u>S601</u>	Criminal Justice System	Revises treatment requirements for convicted drug offenders receiving general assistance benefits under Work First New Jersey program.*	<b>2016-11-30 / Passed</b> Approved P.L.2016, c.69.
<u>A3744</u>	Substance Use	Establishes law enforcement assisted addiction and recovery referral programs.*	<b>2016-10-26 / Passed</b> Approved P.L.2016, c.58.
<u>A457</u>	Mental Health	Authorizes medical marijuana for qualifying patients with post-traumatic stress disorder.	<b>2016-09-14 / Passed</b> Approved P.L.2016, c.53.
<u>S2081</u>	Children's, Mental Health	Limits expulsions and suspensions for students in preschool through grade 2 with certain exceptions; requires early detection and prevention programs for behavioral issues in preschool through grade 2.	<b>2016-09-06 / Passed</b> Approved P.L.2016, c.45.
<u>A2292</u>	Children's, Substance Use	Requires review of Core Curriculum Content Standards to ensure guidance for substance abuse instruction provided to public school students incorporates most recent evidence-based standards and practices.	<b>2016-09-06 / Passed</b> Approved P.L.2016, c.46.
<u>S1266</u>	Substance Use	Establishes permanent sterile syringe access program.*	<b>2016-08-31 / Passed</b> Approved P.L.2016, c.36.



<a href="#">A3434</a>	Misc.	Permits abandoned prescription medication to be re-dispensed up to one year after original preparation.	<b>2016-08-31 / Passed</b> Approved P.L.2016, c.42.
<a href="#">A1663</a>	Misc.	Requires DLPS to establish and make available to law enforcement agencies cultural diversity training materials and online tutorial.*	<b>2016-08-09 / Passed</b> Approved P.L.2016, c.23.
<a href="#">S855</a>	Housing	Requires Commissioner of DCA to promulgate rules and regulations providing for veterans' affordable housing assistance preference.	<b>2016-08-01 / Passed</b> Approved P.L.2016, c.19.
<a href="#">S557</a>	Mental Health, Workforce	"Madison Holleran Suicide Prevention Act"; requires institutions of higher education to have individuals who focus on reducing student suicides and attempted suicides available 24 hours a day.	<b>2016-08-01 / Passed</b> Approved P.L.2016, c.18.