

Grewal Waives Regulations for Health Care Providers Licensed in Other States

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New Jersey Attorney General Gurbir Grewal has waived regulatory requirements for health care providers licensed in other states so that they can practice in New Jersey, a maneuver to boost the size of the state's health care workforce in advance of an anticipated spike in coronavirus cases.

"The actions that the Murphy Administration is announcing will bring in necessary reinforcements so that New Jerseyans will continue to have access to world-class treatment to address Covid-19 and other essential healthcare needs," Grewal said in a statement.

On Thursday night, Gov. Phil Murphy signed into law two bills — [NJ A3860 \(20R\)](#) and [NJ A3862 \(20R\)](#) — that would allow professional and occupational licensing boards to expedite licensing of out-of-state professionals. Both bills were part of a coronavirus-related legislative package that originated in the Assembly earlier this week and was to Murphy's desk Thursday afternoon after the Senate gave its approval.

Vice President Mike Pence said the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services would allow "all doctors and medical professionals to practice across state lines to meet the needs of hospitals that may arise in adjoining areas."

As of this morning, the department [hadn't offered clarity](#) on how that may benefit some telehealth providers, whose licensing is largely governed at the state level.