

SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE, Nos. 4194 and 4210

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee reports favorably a Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill Nos. 4194 and 4210.

The substitute bill revises certain requirements for the prescription of Schedule II controlled dangerous substances via telemedicine and telehealth without in-person examination or review.

The substitute bill amends N.J.S.A.45:1-62 to eliminate the in-person examination or review requirement for the prescription of Schedule II controlled dangerous substances through the use of telemedicine or telehealth: to patients, who are currently in active treatment for cancer, receiving hospice care from a licensed hospice or palliative care, or are residents of a long-term care facility; to patients, who are undergoing evaluation, consultation, or treatment related to P.L.2019, c.59 (C.26:16-1 et seq.); or for any medications that are being prescribed to a patient for use in the treatment of substance use disorder.

The substitute bill provides specific requirements for the prescription of a stimulant which is a Schedule II controlled dangerous substance through the use of telemedicine or telehealth to an adult patient.

The substitute bill provides that the prescription of Schedule II controlled dangerous substances to a patient through the use of telemedicine or telehealth will only be authorized when the prescribing health care provider is using interactive, real-time, two-way audio and visual technologies when treating the patient and the use of such technologies is consistent with State and federal law, including without limitation that the provider meets the same standard of care or practice standards as are applicable to in-person settings.