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### Special Legislative Action Edition

#### **Urge Your Assembly Members to Support the Insurance Transparency and Accountability Bill (A4498)**

The Mental Health Association in New Jersey (MHANJ), along with the New Jersey Parity Coalition, supports the Insurance Transparency and Accountability bill, A4498. A4498 is scheduled for an Assembly Floor vote this Thursday, June 8th. The measure would ensure that insurance coverage for behavioral health is on a par with benefits for physical health, and require that insurance companies more fully report data on ways they are complying with existing parity requirements. The proposal would also direct the NJ Department of Banking and Insurance to make this information publically available.

With the uncertainty of the ACA and Medicaid, the MHANJ firmly believes that it is more important now than ever to ensure that mental illness and substance use disorders are treated in parity with physical health conditions. Please join us in urging your Assembly members to support A4498!

For guidance on how to contact your Assembly members, and what to say, [click here](#).

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