
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, March 19, 2024

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: Room 135 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7197](#)

BY McEntee, Noret, Azzinaro, Corvese, Bennett, Kazarian, Hull, Dawson, O'Brien, Morales ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES {LC4172/1} (Increases insurance coverage for hearing aids from one thousand five hundred dollars to two thousand dollars, per ear, every three years for all people regardless of age.)

01/17/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7365](#)

BY Caldwell, Casimiro, McGaw

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES {LC4054/1} (Prohibits healthcare entities from interfering with a patient's right to choose to obtain a clinician-administered drug from their provider or pharmacy of choice.)

01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

02/23/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/23/2024 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7518](#)

BY Morales, Batista, Donovan, Giraldo, Casimiro, Henries, McEntee, Fogarty, Kislak, Azzinaro ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS {LC4500/1} (Caps the total amount that a covered person is required to pay for a covered prescription asthma inhaler to twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per thirty (30) day supply.)

02/07/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

02/23/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/26/2024 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7624](#)

BY Tanzi, Ajello, McGaw, Diaz, Cotter, Carson, Henries, Shallcross Smith, Cortvriend, Felix ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS {LC5169/1} (Prohibits health insurance providers from requiring preauthorization for in-network mental health or substance use disorder services.)

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7735](#)

BY Caldwell, McEntee, DeSimone, Casimiro, Craven, Alzate

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE {LC4717/1} (Requires insurance coverage for at a minimum up to ninety (90) days of residential or inpatient services for mental health and/or substance use disorders for American Society of Addiction Medicine levels of care 3.1 and 3.3.)

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7737](#)

BY Fogarty, Tanzi, McGaw, Cortvriend, Boylan, McEntee, Kazarian, Kislak, Cotter, Donovan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES {LC4428/1} (Prohibits an insurance company from imposing any cost-sharing requirements for any diagnostic or supplemental breast examinations.)

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7818](#)

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BY Caldwell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- DENTISTS AND DENTAL HYGIENISTS {LC4429/1} (Permits reimbursement for dental hygienists from "other insurance" or a third party payor such as Medicare.)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7822](#)

BY McGaw, Tanzi, Donovan, Potter, Morales, Stewart, Alzate, Henries

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- BENEFIT DETERMINATION AND UTILIZATION REVIEW ACT {LC5553/1} (Limits the use by insurers of step therapy, a protocol that establishes a specific sequence in which prescription drugs for a specified medical condition are covered by an insurer, by allowing medical providers to request step therapy exceptions.)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7874](#)

BY Tanzi, Donovan, Henries, Morales, Potter, Alzate, Felix, Fogarty, Diaz, J. Lombardi ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES {LC5278/1} (Requires coverage for acute mental health crisis mobile response and stabilization services to any individual enrolled as a plan beneficiary.)

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7875](#)

BY Tanzi, Carson, Cruz, Cortvriend, Speakman, Boylan, Kislak, Hull, Cotter, Donovan ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES {LC5279/1} (Requires insurance coverage for all community health workers' services to include health and promotion coaching, health education and training, health system navigation and resource coordination services, care planning and follow-up care recommendations.)

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7876](#)

BY Tanzi, Carson, Boylan, McGaw, Speakman, Cortvriend, Kislak, Hull, Cotter, Donovan ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS {LC5107/1} (Outlines the insurance coverage standards, protocols and guidelines for medically necessary treatment of individuals with mental health or substance abuse use disorders.)

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7877](#)

BY Alzate, Felix, Tanzi, Giraldo, Stewart, Kislak, Cruz, Fogarty, Boylan ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES {LC5359/1} (Mandates all insurance contracts, plans or policies provide insurance coverage for the expense of testing and treating infertility, including preimplantation genetic testing (PGT), in conjunction with in vitro fertilization (IVF).)

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7878](#)

BY Alzate, Kazarian, Casimiro, Caldwell, Tanzi, Felix, Spears, Boylan, McGaw, Fogarty ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES {LC3903/1} (Mandates insurance policies, provides coverage to diagnose & treat infertility for women between 25 & 42 years, including pre-implantation genetic diagnosis (PGD) in conjunction with in vitro fertilization (IVF).)

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7879](#)

BY J. Brien, Fenton-Fung, Baginski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- DEFENDING AFFORDABLE PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS ACT {LC5416/1} (Prohibits any health insurer, pharmacy benefit manager, or other third-party payor from discriminating against any 340B entity participating in a drug discount program.)

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8025](#)

BY McNamara, Tanzi, Cortvriend, Solomon, McGaw, Kislak, Caldwell, Alzate, Fogarty, Ackerman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- REPRODUCTIVE TISSUE SAFETY AND STORAGE ACT OF 2024 {LC5536/1} (Creates the "Reproductive Tissue Safety and Storage Act of 2024.")

03/06/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8073](#)

BY Fogarty, Tanzi, Donovan, Casimiro, Cotter, Carson, Speakman, Henries, Caldwell, Shallcross Smith

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES {LC5592/1} (Provides that health insurance plans would provide coverage the use of artificial intelligence technology for analysis of breast tissue diagnostic imaging.)

03/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8074](#)

BY Cardillo, Lima, Azzinaro, Noret, Phillips, Serpa, Vella-Wilkinson, O'Brien, Chippendale, Craven

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES {LC5655/1} (Removes the requirement for a patient to obtain a referral from their primary care provider in order to see a specialist, on or after January 1, 2025.)

03/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8075](#)

BY McGaw, Kennedy, Morales, J. Lombardi, Hull, Vella-Wilkinson, Diaz, Shekarchi, Corvese, Craven

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES {LC5663/1} (Requires health plans that provide prescription benefits to cover at least one type of glucagon auto-injector, nasal spray, or formulation that does not require reconstitution to treat hypoglycemia. No copayment or deductible would be required.)

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