
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

**HOUSE BILLS 7298, 7033, 7591, 7900, 7902, 7903 and 8030
HAVE BEEN POSTPONED AT THE REQUEST OF SPONSORS**

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, May 1, 2024
TIME: 4:00 PM
PLACE: Room 35 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING

House Bill No. [7033](#)

~~BY Spears, Cotter, Shanley, Craven, Dawson, Kazarian, Casimiro, Slater, Cortvriend, O'Brien~~
~~ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE --~~
~~LONG-TERM CARE SERVICE AND FINANCE REFORM -- CHIROPRACTIC SERVICES~~
~~RATES {LC3305/1} (Provides the executive office of health and human services would submit to~~
~~the US Department of Health and Human Services a state plan to set rates for chiropractic~~
~~services.)~~

~~01/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance~~

~~04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing~~

House Bill No. [7204](#)

BY Shallcross Smith, Ajello, McEntee, Cortvriend, Fenton-Fung, Fogarty
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE
HEALTHCARE SERVICES FUNDING PLAN ACT {LC4248/1} (Amends RI's existing
Healthcare Services Funding Plan Act by adding an account relating to a new Psychiatry Resource
Network to fund RI's present PediPRN and MomsPRN, as well as similar programs which may be
added by regulation in the future.)

01/17/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing

House Bill No. [7205](#)

BY McEntee, Noret, Batista, Bennett, Kazarian, Hull, Dawson, O'Brien, Morales, Knight
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE
MEDICAID REENTRY ACT {LC4189/1} (Requires that Medicaid enrollment be maintained or
provided to all inmates in the first 30 days of incarceration at the adult correctional institutions
within the department of corrections and the last 30 days of incarceration.)

01/17/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing

House Resolution No. [7209](#)

BY Kazarian

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$200,000 TO THE BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION OF RHODE ISLAND (BIARI) {LC4243/1} (This joint resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$200,000 in the Brain Injury Association of Rhode Island (BIARI).)

01/17/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing

House Bill No. [7273](#)

BY Casimiro, Noret, Solomon, Kazarian, Alzate, Potter, Morales

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES {LC3663/1} (Requires insurance coverage for all services provided by a pharmacist provided coverage of such services would have been covered if provided by a physician, advanced practice nurse, or physician assistant.)

01/24/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing

~~House Bill No. [7298](#)~~

~~BY Serpa, Phillips, Fellela, Biah~~

~~ENTITLED,~~ ~~AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE -- LONG-TERM CARE SERVICE AND FINANCE REFORM {LC4240/1} (All Medicaid programs operated by EOHHS would not reimburse home care providers less than fee-for-service rates adopted by rate review recommendations of the office of health insurance commissioners.)~~

~~01/26/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance~~

~~04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing~~

House Bill No. [7333](#)

BY Alzate, Spears, Ajello, Morales, Shanley, Felix, Cruz, Giraldo, Diaz, Potter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICARE SAVINGS PROGRAMS {LC4335/1} (Expands eligibility for the qualified Medicare beneficiary program by increasing the income limit from 100% to 138% of the federal poverty line.)

01/26/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing

House Bill No. [7334](#)

BY Cotter, Donovan, McNamara, Carson, Kazarian, Casimiro, Giraldo, Voas, Potter, Kislak

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS {LC4276/1} (Directs the executive office of health and human services to increase Medicaid rates for the Early Intervention and First Connections programs allowing for payment of competitive wages for qualified professionals.)

01/26/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing

House Bill No. [7493](#)

BY Slater, Diaz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

{LC4797/1} (Increases the daily rate of payments to nursing facilities by twenty percent (20%) for single occupancy rooms to include private bathrooms.)

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing

House Bill No. [7494](#)

BY Solomon, Casimiro, McGaw, Casey, Messier, Sanchez

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

{LC4762/1} (Provides that services provided by graduate student interns who work under a supervisory protocol would be eligible to be paid from Medicaid reimbursement.)

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing

House Bill No. [7591](#)

~~**BY Spears, Donovan, Tanzi, Casimiro, Kazarian, Alzate, Boylan, Chippendale, McEntee, Ajello**~~

~~**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND~~

~~PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CASELOAD ESTIMATING CONFERENCES {LC4835/1} (Requires that the department of human services and the department of behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals provide forecasted costs reflecting the recommended rate review on a monthly basis.)~~

~~02/09/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance~~

~~04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing~~

House Resolution No. [7597](#)

BY Tanzi, Cruz, Boylan, Potter, Giraldo, Voas, Alzate, Diaz, Kislak, Spears

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$250,000 TO THE

HOSPITAL CARE TRANSITIONS INITIATIVE (HCTI) {LC4882/1} (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$250,000 to the Hospital Care Transitions Initiative.)

02/09/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing

House Bill No. [7702](#)

BY Speakman, Donovan, McGaw, Henries, Fogarty, Handy, Shallcross Smith, Bennett, Stewart, Giraldo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF

HEALTHCARE FACILITIES {LC5103/1} (Requires all hospitals to screen uninsured patients for eligibility for public health programs and financial assistance under Medicare and Medicaid.)

02/23/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing

House Bill No. [7897](#)

BY Casey, Potter, Speakman, Donovan, Fenton-Fung, Kislak, Serpa, Cortvriend, Phillips, Chippendale

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE -- PRESCRIPTION DRUGS {LC4226/1} (Defines step therapy and prohibits certain groups and agreements from requiring prior authorization or a step therapy protocol when prescribing certain medications.)

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing

House Bill No. [7898](#)

BY Stewart, Morales, Potter, Sanchez, Batista, J. Lombardi, Hull

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES {LC5277/1} (Imposes requirements on a managed care organization (MCO) and pharmacy benefit manager (PBM) in order to control Medicaid prescription drug prices.)

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing

House Bill No. [7899](#)

BY Giraldo, Boylan, Alzate

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE RHODE ISLAND FAMILY HOME-VISITING ACT {LC5347/1} (Makes the Medicaid rate increase permanent for the first connections family home-visiting program and requires additional information to be added to the annual family home-visiting report.)

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing

~~House Bill No. [7900](#)~~

~~BY Fogarty, Cortvriend, McEntee, Kazarian, Cotter, Donovan, Speakman, Henries, Hull, Handy~~

~~ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS {LC5318/1}~~ (Requires the EOHHS to establish an early childhood mental health hub program focused on improving access to infant and early childhood mental health services for children under the age of six years (6) and their families.)

~~03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance~~

~~04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing~~

House Bill No. [7901](#)

BY Donovan, Tanzi, Boylan, Morales, Caldwell, Carson, Speakman, Cotter, Potter, McGaw

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- COMPREHENSIVE DISCHARGE PLANNING {LC5255/1} (Requires coverage for residential/inpatient mental health services for detox/stabilization/substance abuse disorders without preauthorization or be subject to concurrent review during the first 28 days.)

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing

House Bill No. [7902](#)

BY ~~Fogarty, Cortvriend, Carson, Boylan, McEntee, Kazarian, Cotter, Donovan, Speakman, Handy~~

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PRIMARY CARE TRAINING SITES PROGRAM {LC5296/1} (Establishes the primary care training sites program and appropriates \$2,700,000 for implementing the program.)

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing

House Bill No. [7903](#)

BY ~~Fogarty, Tanzi, Cortvriend, Boylan, McEntee, Carson, Kazarian, Kislak, Cotter, Donovan~~

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE MEDICAL PRIMARY CARE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM {LC5297/1} (Establishes the medical primary care scholarship program to be administered by the commissioner of postsecondary education.)

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing

House Bill No. [7998](#)

BY Slater, Diaz, Giraldo, Cruz, Morales, Potter, Felix

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HEALTH CARE FOR CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN {LC5203/1} (Provides children from birth through age five (5) with continuous coverage eligibility for RItE Track/RItE Care so that they are not at risk of losing coverage at the yearly redetermination due solely to administrative barriers.)

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing

House Bill No. [8030](#)

BY ~~Spears, Cortvriend, McGaw, Caldwell, Craven, McEntee, Slater, Azzinaro, Serpa, Dawson~~

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS -- GENERAL PROVISIONS {LC5472/1} (Adds to those persons exempt from payment of parking fees at any recreational facility owned and operated by the state those individuals determined by the executive office of HHS, or its designee, to be disabled for purposes of Medicaid eligibility.)

03/06/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing

House Bill No. [8078](#)

BY Tanzi, Fogarty, Felix, Shallcross Smith, Ajello, J. Lombardi, Hull, Ackerman, McNamara, Kislak

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE LADDERS TO LICENSURE PROGRAM {LC5686/1} (Implements a grant program to fund public or private partnerships that provide opportunities for healthcare paraprofessionals to pursue higher education degrees and health professional licensure.)

03/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing

House Bill No. [8079](#)

BY Tanzi, Fogarty, Felix, Shallcross Smith, Ajello, J. Lombardi, Hull, Ackerman, McNamara, Kislak

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HEALTH PROFESSIONAL LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM {LC5684/1} (Increases the annual appropriation for the Health Professional Loan Repayment Program from one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to one million dollars (\$1,000,000).)

03/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing

House Bill No. [8161](#)

BY Biah, Henries, Baginski, Messier, Fenton-Fung, Potter, Edwards, Spears, Craven

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION {LC5896/1} (Allows the executive office of health and human services to use appropriated funds to support graduate medical education programs and research.)

04/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing

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