
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, March 6, 2025

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: House Lounge - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [5026](#)

BY Kennedy, Diaz, Azzinaro, Donovan, Kazarian, Edwards, Serpa, O'Brien, Morales, Ackerman
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS

INSURANCE POLICIES {LC511/1} (Caps amount payable for 30 day supply of equipment/supplies for insulin administration/glucose monitoring at \$25 or equipment designed to last more than 30 days with no deductible commencing January 1, 2026.)

01/10/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

02/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5116](#)

BY J. Lombardi, Hull, Potter, Stewart, Voas, Felix

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --

PHARMACEUTICAL COST TRANSPARENCY {LC94/1} (Directs the state board of pharmacy to annually identify up to fifteen prescription drugs with increased costs and provide the list to the attorney general to obtain reasons for the cost increases.)

01/22/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

02/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5173](#)

BY McGaw, Shekarchi, Hull, Craven, Corvese, J. Lombardi, Kazarian, Diaz, Donovan, Spears

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS

INSURANCE POLICIES {LC530/1} (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.)

01/24/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

02/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5254](#)

BY Kislak, McGaw, Tanzi, Potter, Boylan, Cotter, Fogarty

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PHARMACY FREEDOM OF CHOICE

-- FAIR COMPETITION AND PRACTICES {LC623/1} (Requires pharmacy benefit managers to reimburse pharmacist no less than national drug acquisition costs plus fee.)

01/31/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

02/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5302](#)

BY Morales, Donovan, Batista, Azzinaro, Kennedy, Giraldo, Caldwell, Fogarty, Handy, Stewart ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS {LC452/1} (Caps the total amount that a covered person is required to pay for a covered prescription inhaler, prescription device, or prescription equipment to twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per thirty (30) day supply.)

02/05/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

02/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5429](#)

BY J. Lombardi, Hull, Sanchez, Cruz, Potter, Stewart, Alzate, Voas, Diaz, Morales ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- THIRD-PARTY HEALTH INSURANCE ADMINISTRATORS -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG COST CONTROL AND TRANSPARENCY {LC1524/1} (Provides certain controls over prescription drug costs by imposing transparency, oversight and accountability requirements on commercial insurers and their pharmacy benefit managers.)

02/12/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

02/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5433](#)

BY Tanzi, Ajello, Fogarty, Handy, Knight, Cortvriend, McEntee, Stewart, Kislak, Felix ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND HEALTH CARE REFORM ACT OF 2004 -- HEALTH INSURANCE OVERSIGHT {LC797/1} (Requires a report to be produced that focuses on prescription drug prior authorizations by January 1, 2026.)

02/12/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

02/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5498](#)

BY Stewart, Giraldo, Furtado, Potter, Edwards, Donovan, Morales, Fogarty, Tanzi, Place ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES {LC1594/1} (Requires the secretary of the executive office of health and human services to monitor and mandate changes to the price-setting practices of pharmacy benefit managers to prohibit the spread pricing payment model.)

02/13/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

02/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5620](#)

BY Potter, Kislak, McGaw, Donovan, Giraldo, Speakman, Cotter, Bennett, Tanzi, Handy ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND HEALTH CARE REFORM ACT OF 2024 -- HEALTH INSURANCE OVERSIGHT {LC1931/1} (Regulates price increases for prescription drugs.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

02/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5626](#)

~~BY Speakman, Knight, Boylan, Donovan, Fogarty, Spears, Cotter, Carson, Tanzi, Alzate~~
~~ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS~~
~~INSURANCE POLICIES {LC2031/1} (Mandates health insurance coverage for FDA approved~~
~~contraceptive drug, device or therapeutic equivalent.)~~

~~02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services~~

~~02/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

House Bill No. [5632](#)

BY Potter, Kislak, Fogarty, McGaw, Donovan, Giraldo, Speakman, Cotter, Bennett, Tanzi
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- THE
PRESCRIPTION DRUG SALES REPRESENTATIVE DISCLOSURE ACT {LC1930/1}
(Requires prescription drug manufacturers to file a detailed, updated list of each pharmaceutical sales representative engaged by the manufacturer and to pay an annual fee for each name listed with the department of business regulation.)

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House Bill No. [5853](#)

BY Tanzi, Kislak, Hull, Morales, Potter, Ajello, Bennett, Cortvriend, Boylan, Cotter
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- WHOLESALE PRESCRIPTION
DRUG IMPORTATION PROGRAM {LC2089/1} (Establishes the Wholesale Prescription Drug
Importation Program for the importation of wholesale prescription drugs from Canada, to provide
savings to Rhode Island consumers.)

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House Bill No. [5860](#)

BY Tanzi, Kislak, Hull, Morales, Potter, Ajello, Bennett, Cortvriend, Boylan, Cotter
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG COST
PROTECTION {LC2090/1} (Prohibits the state, participating ERISA, or any health plan from
purchasing referenced drugs for a cost higher than the referenced rate.)

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