
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, March 13, 2025

TIME: Rise of the Senate

PLACE: Senate Lounge - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [53](#)

BY Ujifusa, Lauria, Lawson, Tikoian, Euer, Pearson, Valverde, Bell, DiMario

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- BENEFIT DETERMINATION AND UTILIZATION REVIEW ACT {LC456/1} (Provides an insurer would not impose prior authorization requirements for any service ordered by an in-network primary care provider.)

01/23/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [116](#)

BY Ujifusa, Lawson, Murray, Valverde, Mack, Acosta, Euer, Zurier, Vargas

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- BENEFIT DETERMINATION AND UTILIZATION REVIEW ACT {LC194/1} (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.)

01/31/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [121](#)

BY Ujifusa, Murray, Lawson, Tikoian, Euer, Bell, Mack, DiMario, Vargas

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND HEALTH CARE REFORM ACT OF 2004 -- HEALTH INSURANCE OVERSIGHT {LC190/1} (Requires a report to be produced that focuses on prescription drug prior authorizations by January 1, 2026.)

01/31/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [168](#)

BY Murray, Felag, Sosnowski, Vargas, Bissaillon, Ruggerio, Lawson, Tikoian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- BENEFIT DETERMINATION AND UTILIZATION REVIEW ACT {LC1207/1} (Prohibits an insurer from imposing a requirement of prior authorization for any admission, item, service, treatment or procedure ordered by a primary care provider.)

02/05/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [485](#)

BY Mack, Lauria, Acosta, Valverde, Thompson, Kallman, DiMario, Pearson, Ujifusa ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES -- REGULATE HEALTH INSURANCE PRIOR AUTHORIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR REHABILITATIVE AND HABILITATIVE SERVICES ACT {LC1680/1} (Limits prior authorization requirements for rehabilitative and habilitative services. Also prohibits prior authorization for the first twelve (12) visits of a new episode of care and for ninety (90) days following a chronic pain diagnosis.)
02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services
03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [115](#)

BY Lauria, Euer, Valverde, Murray, Felag, Pearson, Urso, Ujifusa ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES {LC274/1} (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.)
01/31/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services
03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [196](#)

BY Murray, Bell, McKenney, Euer, Lauria, Thompson ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES {LC999/1} (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.)
02/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services
03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [461](#)

BY Murray, Lauria, Lawson, Thompson, McKenney, Ujifusa, Bissaillon, Kallman, Sosnowski, DiPalma ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS {LC1373/1} (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.)
02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services
03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Thursday, March 13, 2025, in order for it to be provided to the members of the committee at the hearing and to be included in the meeting records.

TELEVISION AND LIVESTREAM INFORMATION

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