
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

PROPOSED SUB A HAS BEEN ADDED FOR H-5866

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, April 1, 2025

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: Room 135 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [5550](#)

(Dept. of Health)

BY Shanley, Batista

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- DENTISTS AND DENTAL HYGIENISTS {LC1764/1} (Standardizes successor appointment language for various boards and adds language providing that a quorum be a majority of appointed members and the language applies across several healthcare professional boards that currently lack this language.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

02/27/2025 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/18/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/28/2025 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [5619](#)

BY Ackerman, McNamara, Shallcross Smith, Casimiro, Dawson, McEntee, Bennett, Donovan, Cotter, Fogarty

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RHODE ISLAND PROGRAM TO ADDRESS ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE {LC1918/1} (Requires the department of health to incorporate information about dementia risk factors and reduction into public education and healthcare provider education materials.)

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

03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/18/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/28/2025 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [5633](#)

BY McGaw, Boylan, Speakman, Kislak, Casimiro, Casey, DeSimone, Tanzi, Edwards, Donovan
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES

{LC1849/1} (Allows a pharmacist to dispense a one-time refill for certain medications for continuation of therapy to patients under certain circumstances.)

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

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03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
03/08/2025 Committee postponed at request of sponsor
03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
03/18/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
03/28/2025 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [5866](#)

BY McGaw, Boylan, Furtado, Caldwell, Casimiro, Stewart, Voas, Fogarty, Solomon, Cotter ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT {LC1584/1} (Increases the maximum fill for non-opioid, non-narcotic controlled substances found in schedule II, so that a ninety-day (90) supply may be dispensed at any one time.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services
03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
03/08/2025 Committee postponed at request of sponsor
03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
03/18/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
03/28/2025 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [6038](#)

BY Ajello, McGaw, Alzate, Speakman, Boylan, Donovan, Cotter, Carson, Tanzi, Felix ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES {LC2338/1} (Amends current law so that initial contraceptive prescriptions would no longer be limited to a 3-month supply.)

03/07/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services
03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
03/13/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
03/28/2025 Scheduled for consideration

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE

House Bill No. [5866 SUB A](#)
{LC1584/A/1}

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [5024](#)

BY Edwards, Kislak, Bennett, Kennedy, Potter, Cruz ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- BENEFIT DETERMINATION AND UTILIZATION REVIEW ACT {LC318/1} (Prohibits health benefit plans reviewing prescriptions for opioid addiction treatment.)

01/10/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services
03/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5119](#)

BY McGaw, Kislak, Tanzi, Speakman, Boylan, Diaz, Stewart, Donovan, Morales, Edwards ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- BENEFIT DETERMINATION AND UTILIZATION REVIEW ACT {LC446/1} (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.)

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

03/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5120](#)

BY Potter, Kislak, Donovan, Handy, Fogarty, Giraldo, Bennett, McGaw, Morales, Caldwell ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- BENEFIT DETERMINATION AND UTILIZATION REVIEW ACT {LC753/1} (Provides an insurer would not impose prior authorization requirements for any service ordered by an in-network primary care provider.)

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

03/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5172](#)

BY Donovan, Speakman, Potter, Bennett, Giraldo, Stewart, Fogarty, Handy, McGaw, Morales ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- THE TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE USE BY HEALTH INSURERS TO MANAGE COVERAGE AND CLAIMS ACT {LC724/1} (Would promote transparency and accountability in the use of artificial intelligence by health insurers to manage coverage and claims.)

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

03/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5255](#)

BY Fogarty, Potter, Shallcross Smith, Donovan, Spears, Bennett, Hull, Tanzi, Felix, Handy ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND HEALTH CARE REFORM ACT OF 2004 -- HEALTH INSURANCE OVERSIGHT {LC1115/1} (Includes the definition of "primary care services" and requires that all biennial reports shall include a review and recommendation of rates for primary care services on and after September 1, 2025.)

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

03/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5256](#)

BY Casimiro, Noret, Read, McEntee, Spears, Shanley, Morales ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES--EQUAL PAY FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS {LC780/1} (Provides for equal pay for healthcare providers.)

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

03/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5621](#)

BY Hull, Diaz, J. Lombardi, Fogarty

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

INSURANCE POLICIES {LC2009/1} (Prohibits insurance companies from paying a rate that is less than the approved Medicaid rate set by the executive office of health and human services.)

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

03/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5623](#)

BY McGaw, Potter, Boylan, Speakman, Casimiro, DeSimone, Tanzi, Donovan, Cotter, Giraldo

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

INSURANCE POLICIES {LC1281/1} (Prohibits health insurance plans from requiring prior authorization for a new episode of rehabilitative care for twelve visits, or from requiring prior authorization for rehabilitative care for chronic pain for ninety days.)

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

03/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5624](#)

BY Spears, Azzinaro, Fogarty, Cotter, Caldwell, Donovan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS

{LC1933/1} (Removes the age restriction for benefits coverage/requires, after 1/1/26, for policies issued or renewed include coverage for reimbursement for provider services at a rate equal to, or greater than, Medicaid establishments of EOHHS.)

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

03/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5628](#)

BY Place, Santucci, Quattrocchi, Hopkins, Nardone

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

INSURANCE POLICIES {LC1456/1} (Mandates all health insurance contracts, plans, or policies provide the same reimbursement to independent healthcare facilities as that of hospital affiliated facilities where the same healthcare service is provided.)

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

03/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5832](#)

BY Tanzi, Fogarty, McEntee, Spears, Morales, Read, Hopkins, Alzate, Boylan, Furtado

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE

RHODE ISLAND HEALTH CARE REFORM ACT OF 2004 -- HEALTH INSURANCE

OVERSIGHT {LC1754/1} (Amends powers/duties of the office of the health insurance commissioner to increase total cost of care for services reimbursed under contracts after risk adjustment that exceeds the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers percentage increase.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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03/07/2025 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

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House Bill No. [5851](#)

BY Morales, Stewart, Felix, Tanzi, Handy, Cruz, Potter, Caldwell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CONTRACT WITH HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS {LC1653/1} (Amends the current law in order that a health insurer would not require a physician, to participate in "capitation," or any other "alternative payment model" that creates a financial incentive for a physician to limit medically necessary care.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5862](#)

BY Solomon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- BENEFIT DETERMINATION AND UTILIZATION REVIEW ACT {LC2314/1} (Requires insurance companies to prove that a healthcare service or procedure is not medically necessary.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5863](#)

BY Tanzi, Kislak, Hull, Cotter, Carson, Morales, Ajello, Bennett, Cortvriend, Boylan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- HEALTH CARE ACCESSIBILITY AND QUALITY ASSURANCE ACT {LC1808/1} (Requires each healthcare entity/network plan to compile/report to health insurance commissioner a summary of how the healthcare entity/network plan requires its contracted providers to submit claims for in-network outpatient behavioral health services.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [6119](#)

BY Fogarty, Spears, McEntee, Carson, Shallcross Smith, Hull, Felix, Kislak, Giraldo, Kazarian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND HEALTH CARE REFORM ACT OF 2004 -- HEALTH INSURANCE OVERSIGHT {LC2320/1} (Adds to the powers and duties of the OHIC the undertaking of analyses, reports, studies, and recommendations with respect to reimbursement and financing for the provision of primary care services to Rhode Islanders.)

03/21/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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