
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

H-5986 HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN

H-5772 HAS BEEN ADDED

H-5526 & H-5984 HAVE BEEN POSTPONED AT THE REQUEST OF THE SPONSOR

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, April 30, 2025

TIME: 4:00 PM

PLACE: Room 35 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [5461](#)

BY Shallcross Smith, Fogarty, Casimiro, Tanzi, Ackerman, Kislak, Cotter, DeSimone, Morales, Noret

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE HEALTHCARE SERVICES FUNDING PLAN ACT {LC1590/1} (Amends Rhode Island's existing healthcare services funding plan act by adding an account relating to a new psychiatry resource network to fund Rhode Island's present PediPRN and MomsPRN.)

02/12/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/25/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5463](#)

BY Stewart, Potter, Cruz, Cotter, Kislak, Tanzi, Handy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES {LC992/1} (Sets controls on Medicaid prescription drug costs by imposing transparency and accountability requirements on managed care organizations (MCOs) and their pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs).)

02/12/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/25/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5466](#)

BY Solomon, Casey, O'Brien, Casimiro, Noret, Serpa, Kennedy, Corvese, Spears

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE {LC1276/1} (Increases the personal needs allowance of nursing facility residents from seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) to one hundred dollars (\$100) per month.)

02/12/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/25/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5526](#)

BY ~~Fogarty, Carson, Tanzi, Bennett, Casey, Noret, Serpa, Read, McEntee, Dawson~~
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- THUNDERMIST FAMILY
MEDICINE RESIDENCY PROGRAM {LC1530/1} (Appropriates the sum of five hundred
thousand dollars (\$500,000) to fund the Thundermist family medicine residency program during
fiscal year 2026 and every fiscal year thereafter.)

02/13/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/25/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5529](#)

BY Alzate, Shanley, Morales, Ajello, Spears, Carson, Felix, Cortvriend, Fogarty, Edwards
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICARE SAVINGS
PROGRAMS {LC885/1} (Expands eligibility for the qualified Medicare beneficiary program by
increasing the income limit from 100% to 138% of the federal poverty line.)

02/13/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/25/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5736](#)

(Dept. of Executive Office of Health and Human Services)

BY Caldwell, Shanley, Craven, Morales, McEntee, Read, Serpa, Potter, Cruz
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- DENTISTS AND
DENTAL HYGIENISTS {LC1360/1} (Permits reimbursement for dental hygienist's from "other
insurance" or a third-party payor such as Medicare.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/25/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5771](#)

BY Alzate, Ajello, Kislak, Felix, Furtado, Stewart, Kazarian, Cruz, Diaz, Fogarty
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE
RHODE ISLAND MEDICAID REFORM ACT OF 2008 {LC881/1} (Mandates Medicaid coverage
for fertility diagnostic care, standard fertility preservation services, and fertility treatment.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/25/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5774](#)

BY Serpa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE --
LONG-TERM CARE SERVICE AND FINANCE REFORM {LC2094/1} (Establishes Medicaid
fee-for-service reimbursement rates set by the general assembly as the rate floor for Medicaid
managed care by home care, home nursing care and hospice providers licensed by the DOH and
continue the EEOHH.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/25/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5775](#)

BY Caldwell, Potter, Morales, Slater, Kazarian, Cruz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE {LC1433/1} (Requires EOHHS to establish a 1-year pilot program for nutritional assistance and medically tailored meals, groceries and produce for peoples with diet-related diseases or food insecurity, and other interventions where there is a clinical need.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/25/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [5790](#)

BY Noret, Corvese, Read, Azzinaro, Casimiro, Bennett, Spears, Casey, Hopkins, Kazarian

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$90,000,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO SUPPORT PHYSICIAN REIMBURSEMENT RATE INCREASES IN THE RHODE ISLAND MEDICAID PROGRAM {LC1691/1} (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$90,000,000 to the Rhode Island Executive Office of Health and Human Services to be invested in increasing reimbursement rates for all physicians and advanced practice providers.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/25/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5973](#)

(General Treasurer)

BY Cortvriend, Tanzi, Dawson, Handy, McGaw, Spears

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES {LC1692/1} (Prohibits the state from seeking reimbursement for expenditures made on behalf of disabled Rhode Islanders from an ABLE account after death of the designated beneficiary.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/25/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5984](#)

BY ~~Fogarty, Carson, Cortvriend, Shallcross Smith, Knight, Casimiro, Stewart, Donovan, Alzate, Cruz~~

ENTITLED, ~~AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE MEDICAL PRIMARY CARE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM {LC1740/1} (Establishes the medical primary care scholarship program to be administered by the commissioner of postsecondary education.)~~

~~02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance~~

~~04/25/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

House Bill No. [5986](#)

BY ~~Place, J. Brien, Perez~~

ENTITLED, ~~AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE {LC1540/1} (Reduces the appropriation to Medicaid managed care in fiscal year 2025-2026 in order to increase the rates for Medicaid nursing facilities.)~~

~~02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance~~

~~04/25/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

House Bill No. [5988](#)

BY Tanzi, Handy, Ajello, McGaw, Kislak, Hull, Carson, Morales, Potter, Cortvriend ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HEALTH CARE FOR CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN {LC1642/1} (Requires the EOHHS to amend the state Medicaid plan and secure sufficient state general revenue to increase Medicaid payment rates to an amount equal to one hundred thirty percent (130%) of Medicare rates for outpatient clinical pediatric services.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/25/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5990](#)

BY Stewart, Cruz, Alzate, Shallcross Smith, Kislak, Potter, McGaw ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HEALTH CARE FOR CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN {LC1901/1} (Extends eligibility for lactation counselor services to RItE Start recipients starting October 1, 2025, through the end of their 12 month postpartum period, with coverage provided regardless of federal financial participation.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/25/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5991](#)

BY Stewart, Cruz, Alzate, Shallcross Smith, Kislak, Potter, McGaw, Voas, Casimiro ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HEALTH CARE FOR CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN {LC1981/1} (Requires EOHHS to provide self-measured blood pressure monitoring for eligible pregnant and postpartum individuals, covering home monitors, training, data transmission, and co-interventions, with state funds if federal aid is unavailable.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/25/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [6046](#)

BY Serpa, Fellela

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE {LC2257/1} (Requires reimbursement for medical, dental, and behavioral health services provided at community health care centers to equal the lesser of the actual cost, based on Medicaid reports, or 125% of the median rate for all community health centers within RI.)

03/07/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/25/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [6047](#)

BY Alzate, Kazarian, Caldwell, Shanley, Speakman, Ajello, Felix, Tanzi, Casimiro, Giraldo ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES {LC2275/1} (Mandates all health insurance contracts from January 1, 2026, to cover FDA-approved contraceptives, sterilization, contraception counseling, follow-up services, and a twelve-month supply for Medicaid recipients.)

03/07/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/25/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [6095](#)

BY Bennett, Edwards, Hull, Chippendale, Corvese, Azzinaro, Diaz, Casimiro, Kazarian, Fellela ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTHCARE FACILITIES {LC2404/1} (Imposes a hospital licensing fee for fiscal year 2026 against net patient-services revenue of every non-government owned hospital for the hospital's first fiscal year ending on or after January 1, 2024.)

03/14/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/25/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5772](#)

BY McEntee, Spears, Fogarty, Cotter, Donovan, Azzinaro, Kennedy, Edwards, Caldwell, Noret ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE-- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES {LC1241/1} (Increases individual, group, and Medicaid insurance rates of reimbursement for ambulance and wheelchair van services to be equal to reimbursement rates provided by Medicare for the same medical services.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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