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# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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## NOTICE OF MEETING

**DATE:** Thursday, March 12, 2026

**TIME:** Rise of the House

**PLACE:** Room 135 - State House

## SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

### House Bill No. [7485](#)

**BY Spears, McEntee, Cotter, Donovan, Azzinaro, Kennedy, Casey, Slater, Kazarian, Casimiro ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES {LC4515/1} (Provides coverage and increases individual and group insurance rates of reimbursement for ambulance services.)**

02/04/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

### House Bill No. [7535](#)

**BY Donovan, Potter, Cotter, Fogarty, Ajello, Edwards, Spears, Boylan, Hopkins, Furtado ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- COMPASSIONATE ACCESS TO MEDICAL CANNABIS ACT {LC4936/1} (Requires certain health care facilities to allow a terminally ill patient's use of medicinal cannabis within the health care facility, subject to certain restrictions.)**

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

### House Bill No. [7630](#)

**BY Tanzi, Ajello, Spears, Boylan, Donovan, Carson, Cotter, Shanley, Felix, McGaw ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES {LC5129/1} (Requires that reimbursement rates for certified mobile response and stabilization services be equal to or greater than the prevailing integrated state Medicaid rate for mobile response and stabilizations services)**

02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

### House Bill No. [7919](#)

**BY Furtado, Casimiro, McGaw, Alzate**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- MENTAL HEALTH LAW {LC5812/1} (Requires the department of behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals to publish a statewide guide to the youth behavioral health system.)**

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7939](#)**

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**BY Donovan, Kislak, Furtado, Dawson, Boylan, Bennett, Potter, Carson, Cotter, Caldwell ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES {LC5898/1}** (Raises the age of eligibility for mobile response and stabilization services from eighteen (18) to twenty-one (21) and establishes a minimum rate for commercial health insurance reimbursement for such services.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7943](#)**

**BY Tanzi, McGaw, Alzate, Spears, Speakman, Donovan, Batista, Shanley, Stewart, Kislak ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS {LC5811/1}** (Prohibits health insurance providers from requiring preauthorization for in-network mental health or substance use disorder services.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7944](#)**

**BY Tanzi, Kislak, Alzate, Spears, McGaw, Speakman, Donovan, Cruz, Stewart, Hull ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS {LC5172/1}** (Amends the provisions for insurance coverage of mental health, mental illness, and substance use disorders.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7945](#)**

**BY Tanzi, Cruz, Alzate, Spears, McGaw, Speakman, Donovan, Stewart, Kislak, Hull ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS {LC5615/1}** (Provides that for treatment of mental health and substance use disorders, payors would rely upon criteria which reflect generally accepted standards of care when developing coverage.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7946](#)**

**BY Tanzi, Kislak, McGaw, Alzate, Spears, Speakman, Donovan, Cruz, Stewart, Hull ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- THE PROTECT MENTAL HEALTH ACT {LC5720/1}** (Requires health insurers to comply with federal mental health parity laws, prevent discriminatory treatment limits, and ensures meaningful mental health and substance use coverage in all benefit classifications.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7949](#)**

(DCYF)

**BY Serpa**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- LICENSING AND MONITORING OF CHILD PLACING AGENCIES, CHILD CARING AGENCIES, FOSTER AND ADOPTIVE HOMES, AND CHILDREN'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS {LC5366/1} (Authorizes the department of children, youth and families to license mobile response and stabilization services (MRSS).)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [8134](#)**

**BY Casimiro, Tanzi, Donovan, Spears, Potter, Alzate, Stewart, McGaw, Shallcross Smith**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES {LC5024/1} (Permits licensed providers to accompany emergency medical services and treat patients within the community for mental health disorders, including substance use disorders.)

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