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# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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## PROPOSED SUB A HAS BEEN ADDED FOR H-7029

### NOTICE OF MEETING

**DATE:** Tuesday, March 24, 2026  
**TIME:** Rise of the House  
**PLACE:** Room 135 - State House

### SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

**House Bill No. [7029](#)**

**BY Boylan, McGaw, Potter, Donovan, Fogarty, Speakman, Azzinaro, Kislak, Bennett, Hopkins ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- NURSES**

{LC3130/1} (Permits a certified foot care nurse to provide certain at-home foot care, including routine foot and nail care including nail clipping. DOH determines fair and reasonable license and renewal fees for nurses providing services.)

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

02/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/10/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/20/2026 Scheduled for consideration

### PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE

**House Bill No. [7029 SUB A](#)**

{LC3130/A/1}

### SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

**House Bill No. [7118](#)**

**BY J. Lombardi, Hull, Sanchez, Cruz, Stewart**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --**

PHARMACEUTICAL COST TRANSPARENCY {LC3757/1} (Directs the state board of pharmacy to annually identify up to fifteen prescription drugs with increased costs and provides the list to the attorney general to obtain reasons for the cost increases.)

01/15/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7189](#)**

**BY Kislak, Fogarty, McGaw, Boylan, Speakman, Donovan, Spears, Handy**

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

-- FAIR COMPETITION AND PRACTICES {LC3517/1} (Provides for fair pharmacy reimbursement from a pharmacy benefit manager, and also provides anti-discrimination prohibitions in regard to non-affiliated pharmacies or pharmacists.)

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7346](#)**

**BY Hull, J. Lombardi, DeSimone, Tanzi, Felix, Azzinaro, Alzate, Bennett, Slater, Diaz ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES {LC4620/1}** (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.)

01/28/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7348](#)**

**BY Place, Hopkins, Nardone, Quattrocchi, Fascia, Santucci, Paplauskas ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES {LC4317/1}** (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.)

01/28/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7486](#)**

**BY Fogarty, Kazarian, Boylan, Alzate, Handy, Hull, Bennett, Speakman, Casimiro, Hopkins ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PRIMARY CARE TRAINING SITES PROGRAM {LC4886/1}** (Allows the office of health insurance commissioner (OHIC) as the state agency that has the authority to designate patient-centered medical home (PCMH) care to obtain maximal health outcomes.)

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

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7539](#)**

**BY McGaw, Boylan, Speakman, Donovan, Caldwell, Carson, Potter, Dawson, DeSimone, Kislak ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- BENEFIT DETERMINATION AND UTILIZATION REVIEW ACT {LC4782/1}** (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.)

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

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7745](#)**

**BY Santucci, Chippendale, Place, Newberry, Fascia, Fellela, Read, Cotter, Tanzi ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND HEALTH CARE REFORM ACT OF 2004--HEALTH INSURANCE OVERSIGHT {LC3614/1}** (Requires health insurance commissioner to conduct a review of health insurance benefit mandates, including an analysis of the impact on premium costs, conducted every 5 yrs and report findings and recommendations to governor, senate president and speaker.)

02/12/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7941](#)**

**BY Hopkins, Phillips, Casimiro, Place**

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

INSURANCE POLICIES {LC4637/1} (Requires insurers to pay electronic claims for healthcare coverage within 14 calendar days of receipt. Permits healthcare providers to dispute claim denials within 60 days and empowers the secretary of EOHHS to establish penalties for violations.)

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

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7942](#)**

**BY Solomon**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- BENEFIT DETERMINATION AND

UTILIZATION REVIEW ACT {LC3359/1} (Requires insurance companies to prove that a healthcare service or procedure is not medically necessary.)

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

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [8135](#)**

**BY Casimiro, Donovan, Spears, Potter, Alzate, Shallcross Smith, Hopkins**

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

INSURANCE POLICIES -- EQUAL PAY FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS {LC5473/1}

(Requires the state and private health insurers to reimburse claims for healthcare services provided by nurse practitioners and physician assistants at the same amount as the reimbursement paid to a physician performing the service in the area served.)

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

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [8246](#)**

**BY Bennett, Edwards, Hull, Diaz, Santucci, Hopkins, Nardone, Casimiro, Ackerman, Kennedy**

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

INSURANCE POLICIES {LC5999/1} (Mandates health insurance coverage by eliminating out-of-pocket costs for lung cancer screenings in order to enable patients to get the critical care they need without delay.)

03/06/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7947](#)**

**BY Furtado, Casimiro, McGaw, Donovan, Alzate, Messier, Cruz**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS

{LC5917/1} (Includes any costs paid by an enrollee or on behalf of the enrollee by a third party when calculating an enrollee's overall contribution to any out-of-pocket maximum or cost sharing requirement under a health plan as of January 1, 2027.)

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

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7950](#)

**BY Potter, Kislak, Ajello, Donovan, Giraldo, Morales, Cotter, McEntee, Read, McGaw ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND HEALTH CARE REFORM ACT OF 2004 -- HEALTH INSURANCE OVERSIGHT {LC5741/1} (Regulates price increases for prescription drugs.)**

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

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