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# SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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**S-2109 HAS BEEN POSTPONED AT THE REQUEST OF THE SPONSOR**

## NOTICE OF MEETING

**DATE:** Thursday, March 26, 2026

**TIME:** Rise of the Senate

**PLACE:** Senate Lounge - State House

## SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

### Senate Bill No. [2563](#)

**BY Ujifusa, Lawson, Urso, Euer, Mack, Murray, Acosta, Zurier, DiMario, Valverde ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG SAVINGS AND TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2026 {LC4525/1} (Establishes the "Prescription Drug Savings and Transparency Act of 2026.")

02/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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

### Senate Bill No. [3059](#)

**BY Britto, Murray, Lawson, Ciccone, Tikoian, LaMountain ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PHARMACY FREEDOM OF CHOICE--FAIR COMPETITION AND PRACTICES {LC5060/1} (Imposes certain duties, transparency, and accountability from pharmacy benefits managers and pharmacy benefits management services.)

03/12/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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

### Senate Bill No. [3060](#)

**BY Appollonio, Murray, Lawson, Ciccone, Tikoian, LaMountain ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGERS ACT {LC5062/1} (Requires pharmacy benefit managers to apply for a certificate of authority from the department of business regulation to operate such a business in this state. Empowers director of DBR to oversee all pharmacy benefit managers and penalize violations.)

03/12/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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

### Senate Bill No. [2109](#)

~~**BY Urso, DiMario, Kallman, Murray, Acosta, Rogers, Gu, Britto ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- BENEFIT DETERMINATION AND UTILIZATION REVIEW ACT {LC3217/1} (Prohibits health benefit plans reviewing prescriptions for opioid addiction treatment.)~~

~~01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services~~

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

**Senate Bill No. [2253](#)**

**BY Britto, Burke, LaMountain, DiPalma, Tikoian, Gallo, Gu, Murray, Bissailon, Urso ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS {LC4370/1} (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.)**

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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

**Senate Bill No. [2384](#)**

**BY DiPalma, Murray, Urso, Bell, Appollonio, DiMario, Thompson, Valverde ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG COST PROTECTION {LC4201/1} (Prohibits the state, participating ERISA, or any health plan from purchasing referenced drugs for a cost higher than the referenced rate.)**

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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

**Senate Bill No. [2385](#)**

**BY Bissailon, Murray, LaMountain, DiMario**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE -- PRESCRIPTION DRUGS {LC4629/1} (Prohibits the Rhode Island medical assistance program from requiring prior authorization or a step therapy protocol for the coverage of a medication classified as an anticonvulsant or antipsychotic.)**

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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

**Senate Bill No. [2387](#)**

**BY DiPalma, Murray, Urso, Bell, Appollonio, DiMario, Thompson, Valverde**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- WHOLESAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG IMPORTATION PROGRAM {LC4218/1} (Establishes the Wholesale Prescription Drug Importation Program for the importation of wholesale prescription drugs from Canada, to provide savings to Rhode Island consumers.)**

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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

**Senate Bill No. [2462](#)**

**BY Ujifusa, Tikoian, DiMario, Lauria, Valverde, Kallman, Mack, Murray, Acosta, Quezada**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES {LC3260/1} (Requires the secretary of the executive office of health and human services to monitor and mandate changes to the price-setting practices of pharmacy benefit managers to prohibit the spread pricing payment model.)**

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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

**Senate Bill No. [2466](#)**

**BY Ujifusa, DiPalma, Murray, Mack, DiMario, Lauria, Valverde, Kallman, Zurier, Quezada ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PHARMACY FREEDOM OF CHOICE**

**-- FAIR COMPETITION AND PRACTICES {LC3516/1}** (Provides for fair pharmacy reimbursement from a pharmacy benefit manager, and also provides anti-discrimination prohibitions in regard to non-affiliated pharmacies or pharmacists.)

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### **TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL**

\*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Thursday, March 26, 2026, in order for it to be provided to the members of the committee at the hearing and to be included in the meeting records.

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