
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

**H-7029 A HAS BEEN ADDED FOR CONSIDERATION
S-3022 AND S-2687 HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THIS AGENDA**

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, April 16, 2026
TIME: Rise of the Senate
PLACE: Senate Lounge - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

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

BY Boylan, McGaw, Potter, Donovan, Fogarty, Speakman, Azzinaro, Kislak, Bennett, Hopkins
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- NURSES
{LC3130/A/2}

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
03/20/2026 Proposed Substitute
03/24/2026 Meeting postponed
03/20/2026 Proposed Substitute
03/24/2026 Meeting postponed
03/26/2026 Scheduled for consideration
03/26/2026 Proposed Substitute
03/26/2026 Proposed Substitute
03/30/2026 Committee recommends passage of Sub A
04/03/2026 Placed on House Calendar
04/09/2026 House passed Sub A
04/13/2026 Referred to Senate Health and Human Services
04/13/2026 Scheduled for consideration

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [2106](#)

BY de la Cruz, Ciccone, Valverde, Rogers

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
{LC3345/1} (Provides medical assistance coverage for medical services provided qualifying eligible recipients for community based care.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services
04/10/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2108](#)

BY Bissailon, Ciccone, Tikoian, Gallo, Murray, DiMario

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

INSURANCE POLICIES {LC3844/1} (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.)

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

04/10/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2463](#)

BY Ujifusa, Mack, DiMario, Lauria, Valverde, Kallman, Acosta, Quezada

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

INSURANCE POLICIES -- PHYSICAL THERAPY COPAY {LC4928/1} (Limits copays, coinsurance or office deductibles for services of a physical therapist to the amount authorized for the services of a primary care physician or osteopath on or after January 1, 2027.)

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

04/10/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2468](#)

BY Ujifusa, Ciccone, DiMario, Lauria, Mack, Valverde, Kallman, Murray, Acosta, Quezada

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

UTILIZATION REVIEW ACT {LC4381/1} (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 Senate Health and Human Services

04/10/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2573](#)

BY Bell, Ujifusa, Valverde, Kallman, Murray, Mack

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE RHODE ISLAND

COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM {LC4685/1} (Establishes a universal, comprehensive, affordable single-payer health care insurance program and help control health care costs, which would be referred to as, "the Rhode Island Comprehensive Health Insurance Program" (RICHIP).)

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

04/10/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2685](#)

BY Gu, Murray, DiMario, Ujifusa, Bell, Valverde, Lauria, Thompson, Appollonio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- EMERGENCY MEDICAL

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES {LC4980/1} (Provides coverage and increases individual and group insurance rates of reimbursement for ambulance services.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

04/10/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2687](#)

BY DiMario, Lauria, Gallo, Valverde, Mack, Murray, Kallman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- THE PROTECT MENTAL HEALTH ACT {LC5858/1} (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 Senate Health and Human Services

04/10/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [3022](#)

BY Bissailon, Murray, DiMario, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES {LC5923/1} (Requires insurers to develop plans for coverage and access to nonnarcotic, nonopioid and nonmedication pain management for moderate to severe pain. It further restricts utilization review for nonopioid drugs.)

03/05/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

04/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Thursday, April 16, 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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