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# SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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## NOTICE OF MEETING

**DATE:** Tuesday, May 5, 2026

**TIME:** Rise of the Senate

**PLACE:** Senate Lounge - State House

## SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

### Senate Bill No. [2255](#)

**BY Lauria, Valverde, Kallman, Murray, Pearson, DiMario, Acosta, Quezada, Mack, Euer ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND INDIVIDUAL MARKET AFFORDABILITY ACT OF 2026 {LC4164/1}** (Enacts the RI individual market affordability act of 2026 to establish a program to help reduce out-of-pocket costs for low- and moderate-income consumers enrolled in individual health insurance coverage through the RI health benefits exchange.)

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

05/01/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

### Senate Bill No. [2381](#)

**BY Mack, DiMario, Murray, Lauria, Urso, Acosta, de la Cruz, Vargas, Quezada, Ujifusa ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES {LC3393/1}** (Requires health insurance plans to cover services provided by licensed certified professional midwives. Insurers would be required to report utilization and cost data annually and certain limited benefit policies would be exempt.)

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

05/01/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

### Senate Bill No. [2383](#)

**BY Mack, DiMario, de la Cruz, Murray, Lauria, Urso, Acosta, Vargas, Quezada, Euer, Ujifusa ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES {LC3400/1}** (Requires health insurance policies to cover licensed certified lactation counselor services for childbearing families. It would also prohibit requiring supervision or duplicate payments for services and mandates annual reporting.)

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

05/01/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

### Senate Bill No. [2460](#)

**BY Mack, Murray, DiMario, Valverde, Lauria, Kallman, Lawson, Vargas, Gu, Euer ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES {LC4606/1}** (Amends the current law on health insurance coverage for fertility diagnostic care, standard fertility preservation services, and fertility treatment and requires coverage for any medically necessary ovulation-enhancing drugs and medical services.)

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

05/01/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Resolution No. [2465](#)**

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

**ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PROTECT PATIENTS AND TRADITIONAL MEDICARE FROM MEDICARE ADVANTAGE {LC3266/1}**

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

05/01/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2561](#)**

**BY Mack, Lauria, Urso, Murray, Ujifusa, Valverde, Dimitri, DiMario**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES -- REGULATE HEALTH INSURANCE PRIOR AUTHORIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR REHABILITATIVE AND HABILITATIVE SERVICES ACT {LC3402/1}** (Limits prior authorization requirements for rehabilitative and habilitative services.

Also prohibits prior authorization for the first twelve (12) visits of a new episode of care and for ninety (90) days following a chronic pain diagnosis.)

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

05/01/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2879](#)**

**BY DiPalma, Murray, Ciccone, Valverde, Urso**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- THE PRIMARY CARE PRESERVATION ACT {LC4463/1}** (Prohibits health insurance companies or other payors from including in physician participation agreements any provisions that restrict or prevent a physician from charging patients reasonable administrative or operational fees to support overhead.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

05/01/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2880](#)**

**BY DiPalma**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE {LC5531/1}** (Requires the executive office of health and human services to consider a new element when reviewing the appropriate Medicaid payments to be paid to nursing facilities.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

05/01/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2882](#)**

**BY Thompson, Murray, Urso, Mack, Ciccone, Bissaillon, Tikoian**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- QUALITY SELF-DIRECTED SUPPORTS ACT OF 2026 {LC5270/1}** (Ensures that more developmentally disabled adults can self-direct the care they need and want, by incorporating collective bargaining rights into the self-directed supports program.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/02/2026 Meeting postponed

05/01/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2887](#)**

**BY Burke, Felag, Tikoian, Patalano, Thompson**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES-DENTAL INSURANCE COVERAGE {LC5934/1} (Clarifies the manner in which certain dental insurance benefits are paid directly to the provider.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

05/01/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [3028](#)**

**BY Famiglietti, Dimitri, Tikoian, Thompson, McKenney, Appollonio, Felag, LaMountain, Bissaillon, Patalano**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE {LC6007/1} (Prohibits healthcare providers and health plans from denying the payment of a medical bill, solely because the bill may have arisen from a third-party claim.)

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

05/01/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [3088](#)**

**BY Dimitri, Patalano, LaMountain, Bissaillon, Quezada, McKenney, Raptakis**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- EQUITABLE FUNDING FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDER BAD DEBT {LC6057/1} (Establishes a procedure for a health insurer to reimburse a healthcare provider no less than sixty-five percent (65%) of each unpaid co-payment, co-insurance or deductible amount due, after reasonable collection efforts.)

03/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

05/01/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2878](#)**

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**BY Gallo, Tikoian, Burke, LaMountain, Felag**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- DENTISTS AND DENTAL HYGIENISTS {LC5190/1} (Permits reimbursement for dental hygienists from "other insurance" or a third-party payor such as Medicare.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

05/01/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2461](#)**

**BY Gallo, Burke, DiPalma, Tikoian, LaMountain, Ciccone, Murray, McKenney, DiMario, Valverde**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- UNFAIR CLAIMS SETTLEMENT PRACTICES ACT {LC4818/1} (Prohibits dental insurers from refusing to honor directions to pay from insured, modifying benefits to be paid. Requires providers to accept payment by virtual credit card as unfair claims practices.)**

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### **TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL**

\*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Tuesday, May 5, 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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