

H7927: Allows residents to use facility shared Wi-Fi

To: Chairwoman Donovan and members of the Health and Human Services Committee,

I am Dan Liparini, a resident of North Kingstown, and I am writing in support of allowing families to use the facility's shared Wi-fi to monitor the status of their loved one in that facility.

The State of Rhode Island has already established the right of families to use electronic monitoring of a loved one in a facility. But several facilities have not allowed the families to use the facility's existing shared Wi-fi that their staff and residents can use for free. They require them to separately contract with a vendor for this service.

This is not right. This creates a barrier for low-income people who cannot afford it and creates an additional charge for families who can afford it who are likely already paying a lot of money for their loved one to be in that facility. There is no good reason for the facility to limit this access to family members when it is already available to residents.

Please support this important bill.

Dan Liparini