



**The Senate has been a leading voice** on addressing Rhode Island's health care crisis, and we continue to embrace that role in 2026. For the well-being of our communities, and the future of our state, it is imperative that we do everything in our power to stabilize our hospitals, protect patients, and strengthen our health system. **We must ensure care is accessible and affordable for everyone.**

## Supporting Rhode Islanders in crisis

**Codify 988, BH Link in state law**

*(2026-S 3058, Senate Health & Human Services Committee Chair Melissa Murray)*

**Codify Children's Mobile Response and Stabilization Services (MRSS) in state law and expand coverage**

*(2026-S 3066, Senate President Valarie Lawson)*

**Set commercial insurance reimbursement rate floor for MRSS**

*(2026-S 3065, Senator Alana DiMario)*

**Create artificial intelligence safety guidelines related to suicidal ideation and mental health treatment**

*(2026-S 2195 and 2026-S 2197, Senator Lori Urso)*

## Protecting patients and providers

**Establish new oversight of pharmacy benefit managers, or PBMs**

*(2026-S 3060, Senator Peter Appollonio; 2026-S 3059, Senator Robert Britto; 2026-S 2563, Senator Linda Ujifusa)*

**Address prior authorization for post-acute care, enhanced rates for Behaviorally Complex Care Program**

*(2036-S 3061, Senator Brian Thompson; 2026-S 3056, Senator Melissa Murray)*

**Update statutes to ensure childhood and adult vaccination schedules are set by the RI Department of Health**

*(2026-S 2379, Senator Linda Ujifusa)*

**Allow medical professionals to express sympathy to patients and families without risk of legal reprisal**

*(2026-S 2054, Senator Pamela Lauria)*

**Create commission to study medical malpractice**

*(2026-S 3063, Senator Mark McKenney)*

## Strengthening the health care workforce

**Invest in loan repayment and scholarship programs for primary care providers**

*(2026-S 3062, Senate President Pro Tempore Hanna Gallo; 2026-S 2101, Senator Pamela Lauria)*

**Secure initial funding for the creation of a medical school at the University of Rhode Island**

*(2026-S 3064, Senator V. Susan Sosnowski)*

**Establish a primary care commission to support workforce retention and explore GME programs**

*(2026-S 3057, Senator Pamela Lauria)*