

April 7, 2026

Honorable Melissa A. Murray, Chair
Senate Committee on Health and Human Services
State House, Senate Lounge
82 Smith Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

RE: S 2254 – RELATING TO INSURANCE – ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES

Dear Chairperson Murray:

Please accept this letter in support of Senate Bill 2254 – an Act Relating to Insurance – Accident and Sickness Insurance Policies. This bill puts in place several requirements relating to coverage of contraceptive benefits.

Currently, federal law prohibits health insurance companies from applying cost-sharing, such as deductibles and copayments, to most contraceptive coverage thereby bolstering access to these critical benefits. This bill codifies this key protection, along with additional consumer protections for Rhode Islanders so that, in the event of federal changes, our residents will continue to have access to contraceptive coverage without cost sharing.

HealthSource RI is devoted to connecting Rhode Islanders with high-quality, affordable health coverage and this legislation is complementary to that goal. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this legislation. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions.

Sincerely,



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cc: Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services
Honorable Dawn Euer
Kristen Silvia, Director of Legislation and Deputy Chief of Staff