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ACLU OF RI POSITION: SUPPORT

TESTIMONY ON 26-S 2570, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY – USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE BY HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS NOTIFICATION ACT March 3, 2026

The ACLU of Rhode Island supports this legislation which requires healthcare providers and facilities to inform patients of the use of artificial intelligence (AI) to document patient visits.

We recognize the potential for AI use in healthcare to improve patient care, reduce administrative burden, and thereby reduce costs. However, when AI is being used in critical areas, like healthcare, certain safeguards should be in place to protect patients from the improper use of this technology.

This legislation does exactly that by requiring notice to patients when AI is being used in documenting their care. When a patient knows of the use of this technology, the individual can make informed decisions, ask questions about its use, and even ask to opt-out if they so choose. This is an important layer of transparency in ensuring proper adoption of these tools that we hope will also help encourage full disclosure of AI use in other healthcare settings.

Thank you for considering our views.