

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL SERVICES
2025-2026 194(th) BILL SUMMARY**

Bill No: H1162

Title: AN ACT RELATIVE TO FAIR AND EQUITABLE COMPENSATION FOR MEDICAL SERVICES

Sponsor: Rep. William C. Galvin (*Canton*)

Hearing Date: April 29, 2025

Reporting Deadline: June 28, 2025

Similar Matters: S810 (Oliveira – Identical); Similar to H1309 (Sabadosa); S764 (Gomez)

Prior History:

2023-24 (H1011): Reported favorably; Referred to Health Care Financing; Reported favorably; Referred to HWM

2021-22 (H4268): Reported favorably; Referred to Health Care Financing; House Ordered to a Study

CURRENT LAW:

M.G.L. c. 176O Health Insurance Consumer Protections § 16(c) Clinical decisions regarding medical treatment made by treating physicians; payment for health care services ordered by treating physician or primary care provider

This section obligates carriers or utilization review organizations acting only as third-party administrators to recommend to third-party payors that they authorize coverage of health insurance benefits.

SUMMARY:

This bill would prohibit a health insurance carrier from reducing a health care provider's negotiated payment rate for evaluation and management or procedural services based only on the fact that the health care provider billed other health care services on the same day. The bill would void any existing health care provider agreement provision that allows for the reduction in reimbursement that this bill prohibits.