

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

Bill No: H1313

Title: AN ACT RELATING TO PATIENT CHOICE IN DISPENSING OF CLINICIAN-ADMINISTERED DRUGS

Sponsor: Rep. Lindsay N. Sabadosa (*Northampton*)

Hearing Date: October 1, 2025

Reporting Deadline: November 30, 2025

Prior History: None

Similar Matters: S777 (Lewis)

CURRENT LAW:

M.G.L. c. 176O Health Insurance Consumer Protections

SUMMARY:

This bill would amend the Health Insurance Consumer Protection statute which applies to all commercial health insurance carriers licensed in the Commonwealth. The bill would allow patients to obtain clinician-administered drugs, prescription medications that cannot be easily self-administered and are typically given by healthcare providers in clinical settings, from their preferred healthcare provider or pharmacy on a nondiscriminatory basis.

The bill would broadly prohibit health insurance carriers from refusing to authorize, approve, or pay a participating provider for providing covered clinician-administered drugs and related services. The bill would prohibit health insurance carriers from restricting patients' choices about where they could obtain clinician-administered drugs. Carriers would be restricted from imposing additional fees or higher patient cost-sharing amounts, or any other form of price increase when patients obtained drugs from their preferred healthcare provider or pharmacy. Carriers would be restricted from steering patients toward specific pharmacies, and from reimbursing drugs at a lower rate if they were obtained from a non-preferred pharmacy.

The bill would prevent carriers from conditioning, denying, or reducing payment to healthcare providers based on where they source clinician-administered drugs. Carriers would be prohibited from mandating the use of home infusion pharmacies or the use of an infusion site external to a patient's provider office or clinic. A carrier would be prohibited from requiring a specialty pharmacy to dispense a clinician-administered medication directly to a patient with the intention that the patient will transport the medication to a healthcare provider for administration.