



May 12, 2025

The Honorable Patricia D. Jehlen
Senate Chair, Joint Committee on Aging and
Independence
Massachusetts State House
24 Beacon Street, Room 504
Boston, MA 02133

The Honorable Thomas M. Stanley
House Chair, Joint Committee on Aging and
Independence
Massachusetts State House
24 Beacon Street, Room 146
Boston, MA 02133

Re: H.1369, An Act to strengthen supportive housing and reduce healthcare costs for low-income seniors

Dear Chair Jehlen, Chair Stanley, and Members of the Joint Committee on Aging and Independence,

On behalf of Hebrew SeniorLife, we are grateful for the opportunity to submit written testimony on **House Bill 1369, An Act to strengthen supportive housing and reduce healthcare costs for low-income seniors**. This bill illustrates the importance of pairing housing with supportive services to meet the complex needs of older residents.

Hebrew SeniorLife is New England's largest nonprofit provider of senior health care and living communities, serving over 4,500 older adults daily across seven campuses in Greater Boston with the support of more than 2,300 employees. We offer a full continuum of care, including long-term chronic care, rehabilitation, assisted living, independent housing, and innovative community-based services.

As Massachusetts faces a rapidly aging population and growing housing insecurity among older adults, we need to find ways for health care payors, health care providers, housing organizations, and community-based agencies to collaborate more effectively by supporting the integration of housing and services.

Place-based services enable older adults to remain safely and independently in their homes while receiving the necessary health and wellness support. Hebrew SeniorLife has implemented this approach through our nationally recognized Right Care, Right Place, Right Time (R3) program. R3 embeds wellness teams directly into affordable senior housing communities, offering proactive health management, care coordination, and crisis intervention. A recent study proved that R3 led to reduced emergency department visits, fewer hospitalizations, improved management of chronic diseases, and higher resident satisfaction.

We urge the Committee to explore opportunities to expand place-based services, such as House Bill 1369. Hebrew SeniorLife would appreciate the opportunity to work with the Committee to find ways to grow and fund place-based services in collaboration with health care and housing providers and health care payors.

Thank you for your consideration and continued leadership. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or for additional information.

Sincerely,



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