

Joint Committee on Health Care Financing 2025-2026 (194th) Bill Summary

<u>Bill Number:</u>	House, No. 4770
<u>Title:</u>	AN ACT RELATIVE TO A CHIA ANALYSIS OF CO-PAYS FOR MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES
<u>Sponsor:</u>	Representative Adam Scanlon (North Attleborough)
<u>Hearing Date:</u>	January 15, 2026
<u>Reporting Deadline:</u>	January 28, 2026
<u>Prior History:</u>	New Bill
<u>Similar Matters:</u>	N/A

Current Law:

M.G.L. Chapter 12C – Establishes the Center for Health Information and Analysis (CHIA) as an independent agency tasked with collecting and analyzing health care data from providers, provider organizations, and payers. CHIA is required to publish annual reports on health care costs, spending trends, market oversight, and quality data in support of the annual health care cost trends hearings conducted by the Health Policy Commission.

Summary:

The bill requires CHIA to conduct an analysis of the effects of eliminating or capping co-pays for mental and behavioral health services. The analysis must include effects on premiums, deductibles, service utilization and outcomes; including, but not limited to, academic, economic, and disciplinary outcomes based on schooling or the criminal justice system.