

Chairman Abney and members of the House Finance Committee,

I am writing to you today in support of House Bill 7702 that would require all hospitals to screen uninsured patients for eligibility for public health programs and financial assistance under Medicare and Medicaid.

Most people who are uninsured are eligible for Medicaid or financial assistance in the marketplace – but are unaware of their eligibility.

If Rhode Island requires that these uninsured patients be screened for these benefits, it may help them with better health outcomes in the future.

Requiring hospitals to hold claims until 30 days after discharge, provides time for application review for health care coverage – and helps people avoid incurring unnecessary medical debts.

Please support this important legislation.

Sincerely,

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