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Rep. Hogan Provides Testimony on Behalf of Senior Legislation

(BOSTON) – Representative Kate Hogan provided testimony on behalf of three pieces of legislation she has filed this session to help protect and provide for seniors that receive MassHealth coverage.

“Among my highest priorities this session is to protect seniors and provide for their caregivers,” said Representative Kate Hogan. “To do so, my bills aim to remove the barriers our seniors face when searching for long-term care and ensure they receive the highest quality of care possible.”

H.996, An Act relative to reserving beds in nursing homes for residents during certain leaves of absence, will require nursing homes to reserve the beds of seniors who are covered by MassHealth when they leave their facility for medical care and personal visits. Under current law these seniors will lose their space if they leave for either reason.

H.997, An Act to establish criteria for MassHealth hardship waivers, will protect financially at risk seniors who are entering nursing homes. This bill would waive a period of ineligibility for services that seniors may face when applying for MassHealth nursing home coverage due to a transfer of their assets.

H.998, An Act strengthening the quality and efficiency of home health care services, will create a commission to study home health care agencies and provide recommendations on their payments, oversight by the state, and establishment of certification in order to hold these agencies accountable.

These bills were heard before the Joint Committee on Health Care Financing on Wednesday, July 1.

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