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HB 0425	bill clarifies the remedies for violations of the right-to-know law. The bill establishes a civil penalty for violations of the law which are to be deposited in a special fund. <i>Sponsors: Garrity, Casey, Osborne, Watrous</i>	H-Judiciary			Retained in Committee, 2/26/09; Passed w/Am, #2383, Referred to Ways & Means, 1/6/09; Comm Report OTP w/Am (17-0), 2/12/10; House Vote 3/3/10
HB 0564	Amended bill requires new construction to designate certain areas as van accessible parking and ramp/lift equipped van only parking. <i>Sponsors: O'Brien, R. Williams, Nedeau, Rhodes, T. Soucy</i>	H-Commerce;	Support		Retained in Committee, 3/17/09; House Passed w/Am, 1/6/10;
HB 0577	Amended bill permits the department of health and human services to recover medical assistance costs from the portion of settlements or judgments reasonably attributed to medical expenses. The bill also clarifies the court's discretion to apportion the amount withheld from such awards. <i>Sponsors: DiFruscia</i>	H-Health, Human Services & Elderly Affairs			Retained in Committee, 3/18/09; House Vote 1/6/10; House Passed w/Am, 1/6/10
HB 1133	bill clarifies the duration of involuntary emergency admissions. <i>Sponsors: Shurtleff</i>	H-Judiciary	Oppose - Sign in		Comm Report OTP (13-1) CC, 2/18/10; House Vote 3/3/10
HB 1136	bill requires the court which commits a person to the state mental health or developmental services system to send a report to the treatment facility on behalf of the person receiving treatment. <i>Sponsors: Shurtleff</i>	H-Health, Human Services	Monitor		Comm Report OTP w/Am (19-0) CC, 2/16/10; House Vote 3/3/10
HB 1162	bill requires motorcycle operators to wear protective headgear. <i>Sponsors: Day</i>	H-Transportation	1 Support Testify-Steve		House Vote ITL, 2/17/10

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HB 1252	bill increases the duration of medical payments coverage under motor vehicle liability policies. <i>Sponsors: Nixon, Craig, McEachern</i>	H-Commerce	Support Testify-Ellen		Maj Comm Report OTP (9-7) RC; Minority Comm Report ITL, 2/16/10; House Vote 3/3/10
HB 1262	Amended bill establishes a penalty for failure to comply with the requirements for placement of disabled parking signs. <i>Sponsors: Williams, L'Heureux</i>	H-Transportation	Support Sign-In		House Passed w/Am, 2/17/10
HB 1339	bill grants the commissioner of the department of health and human services rulemaking authority to designate an individual or entity to operate and administer a program or facility which provides services to mentally ill or developmentally impaired persons. This bill also establishes a commission to study uncompensated care at the 10 community mental health centers. <i>Sponsors: DeJoie</i>	H-Health, Human Services	Support - Want to be on Commission- Steve call John. Testify-Steve		House Voted to ITL, 2/17/10
HB 1355	bill prohibits transfers of funds out of any class line which is the source of payment for Medicaid providers through the use of a budget neutrality factor, a proportionate discount factor, or any similar rate reduction device. <i>Sponsors: Harding, Wendelboe, DeJoie, Miller, Millham, Gilmour, Gallus, Odell, Fuller Clark, Bradley</i>	H-Finance	Monitor		Comm Report OTP (13-11) RC, 2/4/10; House Vote 3/3/10
HB 1356	bill requires certain nonprofit corporations to file a statement with the attorney general's office acknowledging that they are subject to the right-to-know law. <i>Sponsors: Watrous, Cloutier</i>	H-Judiciary	Monitor		Maj. Comm Report OTP w/Am (10-8), Minority Comm Report ITL, 2/17/10; House Vote 3/3/10
HB 1363	bill clarifies the law regulating continuing care communities when a person has not yet moved into the facility, but is receiving continuing care services at home. <i>Sponsors: Hammond</i>	H-Commerce	Monitor		House Passed w/Am, 2/17/10

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HB 1384	bill establishes a suicide fatality review committee to study the incidence and causes of all suicide deaths. Under this bill, the committee shall be administratively attached to the department of justice. <i>Sponsors: Wells</i>	H-Health, Human Services	Support - Want seat on Committee. Testify-Call Wells.		Comm Report OTP w/Am (19-0) CC, 2/16/10; House Vote 3/3/10
HB 1417	bill allows companion dogs in certain areas of restaurants. <i>Sponsors: Butler, Bettencourt</i>	H-Commerce	Monitor		House Passed, 2/17/10
HB 1440	bill allows cities and towns to extend the property tax exemption for the disabled to persons who qualify for federal or state total and permanent disability retirement, or who show sufficient proof of disability attested to by a physician. <i>Sponsorsw: Infantine</i>	H-Local & Regulated Revenues	Support Sign-In		Comm Report ITL (17-0) CC, 2/16/10; House Vote 3/3/10
HB 1443	bill provides that when a Medicaid, statutory or other lien or subrogation claim is asserted against a recipient's third-party settlement or award, the court shall apportion the award between the recipient and the state, lienholder, or subrogation claimant as justice may require, provided that reimbursement shall not exceed 2/3's of the amount claimed by the state, lienholder, or subrogation claimant, as the case may be. <i>Sponsors: Nixon, Craig, Leishman, Russell, Ramsey</i>	H-Judiciary	Support Sign-In Testify-Doug		Maj. Comm Report ITL (11-4) RC; Minority Comm Report OTP, 2/17/10; House Vote 3/3/10
HB 1493	bill establishes a committee to study comprehensive mental health parity. <i>Sponsors: Merry, Richardson, Ford, DeJoie, Pilliod, Fuller Clark, Gilmour</i>	H-Commerce	Support Need to include Brain Injury. Call Sponsor. Testify.		Comm Report OTP w/Am (12-5) RC, 2/5/10; Special Ordered to Next Session Day of 3/3/10
HB 1526	bill requires the department of health and human services to establish a methodology for determining certain high cost long-term care cases. <i>Sponsors: Miller</i>	H-Health, Human Services	Oppose - Sign-In		Comm Report OTP w/Am (16-0) CC, 2/16/10; House Vote 3/3/10

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HB 1572	bill establishes the certification of integrated residential communities. This bill exempts such entities from the licensure law regulating health care facilities. <i>Sponsors: Donovan, Beck</i>	H-Health, Human Services	Oppose		Comm Report OTP w/Am (18-0) CC, 2/18/10; House Vote 3/3/10
HB 1649	This bill establishes procedures for access to protected health information for treatment. This bill also establishes a commission to study the feasibility of adding a box to the driver's license which if checked would enable the sharing of information in the individual's electronic health care record. <i>Sponsors: Bridgham, Rosenwald, Batual</i>	H-Health, Human Services	Monitor		Comm Report OTP w/Am (15-0) CC, 2/16/10; House Vote 3/3/10
SB 0306	bill extends the commission to develop a legislative plan to meet the needs of certain adults with developmental disabilities. <i>Sponsors: Gilmour, Schulze, Harris</i>	S-Health and Human Services	Support Sign-In		Senate Passed, 2/10/10
SB 0321	bill makes several technical changes to the state coordinating council for community transportation in New Hampshire and establishes regional coordination councils. <i>Sponsors: D'Allesandro, Odell, Fuller Clark, Skinder, Schlachman</i>	S-Transportation	Monitor		Senate Passed, 2/17/10
SB 0326	bill authorizes the director of the division of motor vehicles to extend the validity period of temporary plates for persons with walking disabilities requiring modifications to the vehicle. <i>Sponsors: Fuller Clark</i>	S-Transportation	Support Sign-In		Comm Report OTP w/Am, 1/1/410; Senate Vote 1/21/10; Senate Passed w/Am, 1/21/10
SB 0337	bill clarifies that a person with a walking disability may receive special number plates for each motor vehicle owned by the person. <i>Sponsors: Bragdon</i>	S-Transportation	Support Sign-In		Senate Killed, 2/17/10

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SB 0343	bill requires the department of health and human services to establish a mandatory Medicaid managed care program for all Medicaid clients. Under this bill, the department shall develop a waiver to implement the program to present to the fiscal committee of the general court before seeking final approval from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to implement the program. <i>Sponsors: Bradley, Downing, Letourneau, Gallus, Packard, Boutin, Wendelboe</i>	S-Health and Human Services	Oppose Sign-In		Comm Report OTP w/Am, 2/17/10; House Vote 3/3/10
SB 0427	bill repeals the oversight committee to review the allocation of funds to persons with developmental disabilities or acquired brain disorders and adds those duties to the oversight committee on health and human services. <i>Sponsors: Sgambati, Downing, Rosenwald, Harding</i>	S-Health and Human Services	Monitor		Senate Passed w/Am, 2/17/10
SB 0450	This bill: I. Consolidates the amount to be reduced by the department of health and human services, as required under HB 1-A of the 2009 legislative session, for the biennium instead of for each fiscal year. II. Exempts certain rates for services, placements, and programs for children and families from RSA 541-A. III. Clarifies the administration of the New Hampshire employment program. IV. Makes the funded family assistance program (FANF) permissive rather than mandatory. V. Requires recipients of medical assistance to name the department as beneficiary of all life insurance policies, except under certain circumstances. VI. Clarifies services, placements, and programs for children in the state services system. VII. Allows the department of health and human services to make a claim for recovery of assistance for a deceased recipient from the division of abandoned property. <i>Sponsors: D'Allesandro, Gallus, Janeway</i>	S-Finance	Monitor		

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INTRIM STUDY BILLS					
I HB 0380	This bill establishes guidelines and standards for the New Hampshire long-term care policy. This bill also establishes the New Hampshire long-term care commission to assess and oversee the long-term care system in New Hampshire. <i>Sponsors: Donovan, Pilliod, Emerton, Gagnon, Downing, Hassan, Gallus, Gatsas</i>	H-Health & Human Services	1 Support. Ellen to Testify		Retained in Committee, 3/18/09; House Referred to Interim Study, 1/13/10
I HB 0606	This bill establishes eligibility criteria for the aid to the disabled program. <i>Sponsors: Donovan, Emerton, Butcher, Gagnon</i>	H-Health, Human Services & Elderly Affairs	1 Support-Sign In Make consistent with Feds and rest of country.		Retained in Committee, 2/26/09; Referred to Interim Study, 1/6/10
I HB 0658	establishes a supplemental rent voucher program for the neediest families who are receiving TANF. <i>Sponsors: Donovan, Emerton, Gagnon, Tilton, Barnes, Jr., Fuller Clark</i>	H-Health, Human Services; S-Health & Human Services			House Passed 3/25/09; House Rereferred to Interim Study, 1/21/10
I HB 1657	bill directs the commissioner of the department of health and human services to adopt rules regarding allowable transfers of income to special needs trusts. <i>Sponsors: Donovan, Pilliod</i>	H-Human Services & Elderly Affairs	Monitor		House Referred to Interim Study, 2/10/10
KILLED BILLS					

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X HB 1397	bill amends the procedure for approval of an alternative learning plan. <i>Sponsors: Itse, Ingbretson, Comerford, Hinkle, Carson</i>	H-Education	Monitor		Comm Report ITL (19-0) CC, 1/21/10; House Voted to ITL, 1/27/10
X HB 1499	bill reduces the number of area agencies in the state from 12 to 4, and consolidates area agency management under one executive director. <i>Sponsors: Swinford, Hogan, Groen</i>	H-Health, Human Services	Oppose - Testify		House Vote ITL, 2/3/10
X HB 1599	bill establishes an emergency mental health and developmental disabilities database within the division of state police. The commissioner of the department of safety and the commissioner of the department of health and human services are granted rulemaking authority for the purposes of the bill. <i>Sponsors: Petterson, Millham, Pilliod, Barnes</i>	H-Health, Human Services	Oppose - Sign-In		Comm Report ITL (16-1) CC, 1/12/10; House ITL, 1/27/10

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