

GUIDELINES FOR WRITTEN TESTIMONY TO THE LEGISLATURE

The Healthcare Financing Committee is required to hold a public hearing on our bill, “An Act Establishing Medicare for All in Massachusetts” (H1194, S683) at some point before February, 2020. We don’t know when the hearing will be and there may only be a few days’ notice. Whether or not you can attend the hearing in Boston, you can **prepare written testimony for the HCF Committee and send it when the hearing is announced.** This an important action each of us can take.

Experts will testify on the specific content of the bill. The opportunity for us as advocates is to convey our personal experiences with health insurance as patients, providers, and family members. Problems with access, cost, provider networks, loss of coverage, inadequate or unstable coverage – all of these are good topics for testimony. Let the legislators know how the current system is failing you and why you support Medicare for All. **And ask them to give these bills - H1194 and S683 - a favorable report out of the HCF Committee.**

Keep it brief and personal, not more than one or 1.5 pages. At the top of the page:

Indicate that you are providing testimony for the public hearing on these bills and include the following information:

- Bill title and numbers: “An Act Establishing Medicare for All in Massachusetts” (S683, H1194)
- Your name and the town or city you live in.

Send your testimony – preferably when the hearing date has been announced so that we can make an impact at that time – to the co-chairs of the HCF Committee:

- Rep. Jennifer Benson: Jennifer.Benson@mahouse.gov
- Sen. Cindy Friedman: Cindy.Friedman@masenate.gov

If you have any questions or would like help preparing your testimony, feel free to ask your hub leader or Beth: jubilada@jicloud.com, Jon: jon@gogtt.net, or Deborah: levendeb2@gmail.com

Thank you for taking the time to have your voice heard on Beacon Hill!