

PLEASE TAKE ACTION

Alzheimer's Disease and other dementias are a growing public health crisis.

There are currently more than 135,000 individuals living with Alzheimer's Disease in Massachusetts and prevalence is predicted to continue to grow as our population ages. Despite the anticipated increase in prevalence, there is hope with advancing research and the first FDA-approved treatments. Please support the following bills to ensure families have access to the services they need and the Commonwealth is better prepared to respond to this public health crisis.

PLEASE COSPONSOR THE FOLLOWING POLICY PRIORITIES

1

H.4302/S.2554, An Act to improve care and prepare for the new era of Alzheimer's and dementia

Sponsors: Representative Danielle Gregoire and Senator Adam Gomez

This comprehensive legislation would prepare Massachusetts for the future of Alzheimer's care and treatment in a time of advancing research and rising prevalence, while providing necessary support to individuals living with Alzheimer's and dementia today, along with their caregivers.

The bill would: strengthen our state and health systems' response to Alzheimer's and dementia, require first responders to have dementia training, expand care coordination services and provide additional support and rights for patients and caregivers when in the hospital.

2

H.4339/S.809, An Act relative to patient access to biomarker testing to provide appropriate therapy

Sponsors: Representative Meghan Kilcoyne and Senator Jake Oliveira

With the historic Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval of treatments that slow the progression of Alzheimer's in the early stages, early detection and diagnosis has become more critical than ever before for our population.

This bill would require appropriate insurance coverage for biomarker testing to support the early diagnosis of Alzheimer's and other dementias, and other diseases. Coverage of biomarker testing is crucial to ensuring access to proper diagnosis, support services and possible opportunities for treatment.

The Commonwealth was a leader in 2018 in addressing Alzheimer's and dementia through public policy. Now is the time to take the next steps by supporting these two bills to prepare our public health infrastructure and health systems to continue to lead nationally as we enter a new era of Alzheimer's and dementia care and treatment.

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