

The Health Policy Commission (HPC) will conduct a second Listening Session on the implementation of Chapter 155 of the Acts of 2014 (codified at M.G.L. c. 111, § 231) relative to nurse staffing ratios in hospital intensive care units. The HPC is charged with promulgating regulations governing the implementation of the law including: the formulation of the acuity tool, the method of public reporting of staffing compliance, and identifying three to five patient safety quality indicators to be measured and reported by hospitals.

Time and Location of the Listening Session:

**Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:00AM – 11:00AM**  
**Gardner Auditorium**  
**State House, Boston**

At the beginning of the Listening Session, the HPC will hear testimony from individuals and groups who had expected to provide comment at our October 29<sup>th</sup> Listening Session and were unable due to time constraints. If you would like to testify or submit written testimony, please email [hpc.testimony@state.ma.us](mailto:hpc.testimony@state.ma.us).

The second part of the Listening Session will be a structured session to hear responses to specific questions about the use of acuity tools and staff nurse input in ICU staffing. Questions may focus on factors that may be assessed by patient assessment tools, including patient clinical condition and nursing workload indicators, and consideration of ICU environmental factors.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.