

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1200**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Natalie M. Higgins*

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to support equal access to community care for elders and persons with disabilities.

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                      | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:                        | DATE ADDED:       |
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| <i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>  | <i>4th Worcester</i>                     | <i>1/17/2023</i>  |
| <i>Samantha Montaño</i>    | <i>15th Suffolk</i>                      | <i>1/24/2023</i>  |
| <i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i> | <i>1st Hampshire</i>                     | <i>1/27/2023</i>  |
| <i>Brian W. Murray</i>     | <i>10th Worcester</i>                    | <i>1/30/2023</i>  |
| <i>Colleen M. Garry</i>    | <i>36th Middlesex</i>                    | <i>2/9/2023</i>   |
| <i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>   | <i>16th Worcester</i>                    | <i>2/15/2023</i>  |
| <i>Kay Khan</i>            | <i>11th Middlesex</i>                    | <i>2/15/2023</i>  |
| <i>James Arciero</i>       | <i>2nd Middlesex</i>                     | <i>2/17/2023</i>  |
| <i>James B. Eldridge</i>   | <i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>           | <i>2/17/2023</i>  |
| <i>Joanne M. Comerford</i> | <i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i> | <i>2/21/2023</i>  |
| <i>Jacob R. Oliveira</i>   | <i>Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester</i>  | <i>3/13/2023</i>  |
| <i>Kevin G. Honan</i>      | <i>17th Suffolk</i>                      | <i>3/14/2023</i>  |
| <i>Russell E. Holmes</i>   | <i>6th Suffolk</i>                       | <i>10/30/2023</i> |
| <i>James K. Hawkins</i>    | <i>2nd Bristol</i>                       | <i>12/1/2023</i>  |
| <i>Christine P. Barber</i> | <i>34th Middlesex</i>                    | <i>12/4/2023</i>  |
| <i>John J. Mahoney</i>     | <i>13th Worcester</i>                    | <i>12/8/2023</i>  |
| <i>Joan Meschino</i>       | <i>3rd Plymouth</i>                      | <i>12/12/2023</i> |

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By Representative Higgins of Leominster, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1200) of Natalie M. Higgins and others relative to Medicaid eligibility for certain elders and persons with disabilities. Health Care Financing.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)

An Act to support equal access to community care for elders and persons with disabilities.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Subsection (5) of section 25 of Chapter 118E of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
2 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the second paragraph, contained in lines  
3 56 through 61, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

4 In any case where the monthly income of an applicant or recipient is in excess of the  
5 exemptions allowed, the applicant or recipient, if otherwise eligible for Medicaid under this  
6 chapter, shall be liable to pay to the provider of medical care or service an amount which shall be  
7 equal to the excess income for a period of six consecutive months, which includes the period  
8 when such service was provided, except if the individual is an applicant or recipient for home or  
9 community-based services pursuant to a waiver granted under 42 USC 1396a(10)(A)(ii)(VI) or a  
10 Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), under 42 USC 1396u-4 or 42 USC  
11 1395eee, the applicant or recipient shall be liable to pay to the provider of medical care or  
12 service an amount which shall be equal to the excess income reduced by the difference between

13 the applicable MassHealth deductible-income standard and 300 percent of the federal benefit  
14 rate; provided, however, this exception shall not apply to individuals eligible for the “special  
15 income eligibility group,” the requirements for which are established under 42 CFR 435.217 and  
16 pursuant to federal regulations at 42 CFR 435.726 and 42 CFR 460.184.