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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Elizabeth A. Malia

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 passage of the accompanying:

An Act relative to behavioral health emergency services.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Elizabeth A. Malia	*11th Suffolk*
Jennifer L. Flanagan	☐ *[District]* ☐
James B. Eldridge	☐ *[District]* ☐
Denise Provost	*27th Middlesex*
Angelo M. Scaccia	*14th Suffolk*
Denise Andrews	*2nd Franklin*
James J. O'Day	*14th Worcester*
Benjamin Swan	*11th Hampden*

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By Ms. Malia of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1229) of Elizabeth A. Malia and others relative to the rates charged by Medicaid managed organizations for behavioral health emergency services. Health Care Financing.

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An Act relative to behavioral health emergency services.

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

1 SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the so-called
2 Medicaid managed care organizations and any entity with whom they contract to manage
3 behavioral health benefits for MassHealth members, shall pay to organizations providing
4 emergency services on behalf of the commonwealth through contracts with the Massachusetts
5 Behavioral Health Partnership, the same rates for adult emergency and crisis services that the
6 Massachusetts Behavioral Health Partnership paid for emergency services as of January 1, 2010
7 in the following settings: hospital-based; community-based; mobile response; and community
8 crisis stabilization.