

SENATE No. 1211

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John F. Keenan

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 review the quality and patient safety of dispensing certain cancer and chronic disease related drugs.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>John F. Keenan</i>	<i>Norfolk and Plymouth</i>	
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Kate Hogan</i>	<i>3rd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>

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By Mr. Keenan, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1211) of John F. Keenan, Danielle W. Gregoire, Kate Hogan and James J. O'Day for legislation to review the quality and patient safety of dispensing certain cancer and chronic disease related drugs. Public Health.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act to review the quality and patient safety of dispensing certain cancer and chronic disease related drugs.

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. The health policy commission, in consultation with the department of
2 public health and the division of insurance, shall study and analyze health insurance payer
3 practices that require certain categories of drugs, including those that are administered by
4 injection or infusion, to be dispensed by a third-party specialty pharmacy directly to a patient or
5 to a health care provider with the designation that such drugs be used for a specific patient and
6 not for the general use of the provider. The commission shall file a report of its findings,
7 including recommended legislation, with the senate and house committees on ways and means,
8 the joint committee on health care financing and the joint committee on public health not later
9 than January 1, 2018.