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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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act providing equitable access to behavioral health services for MassHealth consumers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Elizabeth A. Malia	*11th Suffolk*
Jennifer L. Flanagan	
James B. Eldridge	
Denise Provost	*27th Middlesex*
Angelo M. Scaccia	*14th Suffolk*
Ruth B. Balser	*12th Middlesex*
Tom Sannicandro	*7th Middlesex*
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. 1428) of Elizabeth A. Malia and others relative to providing for equitable access to behavioral health services for MassHealth consumers. Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act providing equitable access to behavioral health services for MassHealth consumers.

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

SECTION 1. Section 12 of chapter 118E of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end of the ninth paragraph the following sentence:-

The Division shall ensure that all contracted health insurers, health plans, health maintenance organizations, and behavioral health management firms provide comparable access to behavioral health services in providing medical assistance to recipients.