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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Ruth B. Balser

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 regarding proportional payments of the Massachusetts Child Psychiatry Access Project.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Ruth B. Balser	*12th Middlesex*
Jennifer L. Flanagan	*Worcester and Middlesex*
Jason M. Lewis	*Fifth Middlesex*
Kay Khan	*11th Middlesex*
Colleen M. Garry	*36th Middlesex*
Denise Andrews	*2nd Franklin*
Sal N. DiDomenico	*Middlesex and Suffolk*
Daniel A. Wolf	*Cape and Islands*
Danielle W. Gregoire	*4th Middlesex*
Ellen Story	*3rd Hampshire*
John F. Keenan	*Norfolk and Plymouth*
Jonathan Hecht	*29th Middlesex*
Sean Garballey	*23rd Middlesex*
Paul R. Heroux	*2nd Bristol*
Thomas M. McGee	*Third Essex*
Elizabeth A. Malia	*11th Suffolk*
Karen E. Spilka	*Second Middlesex and Norfolk*
Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.	*34th Middlesex*

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By Ms. Balser of Newton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1784) of Ruth B. Balser and others relative to proportional payments of the Massachusetts Child Psychiatry Access Project. Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. *1960* OF 2011-2012.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act regarding proportional payments of the Massachusetts Child Psychiatry Access Project.

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. Chapter 19 of the General Laws is hereby amended by hereby amended by inserting after section 16 the following section:-

Section 16A.

(a) The department shall operate a statewide program to provide mental health consultations by telephone, available for a minimum of 5 days a week, to pediatricians, family physicians, nurse practitioners and primary care practices for persons under the age of 19 who exhibit a possible mental health or substance use disorder.

(b) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the costs of this program shall be assessed on surcharge payers under section 38 of chapter 118G and may be collected in a manner consistent with said chapter 118. All surcharge revenue generated under this section shall be allocated to support the program, including an expansion into educational settings.