

HOUSE No. 1818

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Martin J. Walsh

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 relative to Medicaid spending.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Martin J. Walsh

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

13th Suffolk

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By Mr. Walsh of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1818) of Martin J. Walsh for legislation to require the Office of Medicaid to conduct a study of all medication-assisted treatments for opioid addiction. Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act relative to Medicaid spending.

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 Department
2 of Medicaid, in conjunction with the Center for Health Information and Analysis and the Bureau
3 of Substance Abuse Services, shall conduct a study of all medicated assisted treatments paid for
4 by the Department of Medicaid for the treatment of opioid dependence.

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6 Said study shall include, but not be limited to, the annual expenditures to the
7 Commonwealth for each approved medication, including total health care utilization,
8 readmission rates, transportation and associated total costs, for clients prescribed each medicated
9 assisted treatment, an estimation of the total number of Medicaid clients on each of the approved
10 medicated assisted treatments, and the identification of any obstacles and corresponding
11 solutions for state licensed providers to implement the approved medications.

12 The Department of Medicaid shall report to the General Court the results of its study and
13 its recommendations, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry out its
14 recommendations, by filing the same with the Clerks of the Senate and House of
15 Representatives, the House Committee on Ways and Means, the Senate Committee on Ways and
16 Means, the Joint Committee on Health Care Financing, the Joint Committee on Mental Health
17 and Substance Abuse, the Health Policy Commission and the Secretary of Administration and
18 Finance no later than December 31, 2013.