

**SENATE . . . . . No. 519**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Jennifer L. Flanagan***

*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 provide equitable access to behavioral health for MassHealth consumers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Jennifer L. Flanagan</i>	<i>Worcester and Middlesex</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>

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By Ms. Flanagan, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 519) of Jennifer L. Flanagan, Jennifer E. Benson, Kay Khan and James B. Eldridge for legislation to provide equitable access to behavioral health for MassHealth consumers. Health Care Financing.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 504 OF 2011-2012.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act to provide equitable access to behavioral health 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:*

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

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