

HOUSE No. 1805

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:
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>
<i>Angelo M. Scaccia</i>	<i>14th Suffolk</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>Mathew Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>

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By Ms. Malia of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1805) of Elizabeth A. Malia and others relative to providing equitable access to behavioral health services for MassHealth consumers. Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1797 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

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:

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 and third party
6 administrators provide comparable access to behavioral health services, benefits, and
7 medications in providing medical assistance to recipients.