

**SENATE . . . . . No. 551**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Nine**  
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An Act Relative to Coverage for Chronic Illness..

*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. Chapter 58, Section 84 of the Session Laws of 2006 adding the following  
2 new section (e), notwithstanding any General or Special Law no carrier shall be permitted to  
3 charge a co-payment or deductible for any prescriptions or devices that are prescribed by a  
4 physician that are necessary for the treatment or maintenance of a chronic disease, illness or  
5 condition. The department of public health shall adopt regulations further defining a chronic  
6 disease, illness or condition.