

**SENATE . . . . . No. 566**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Nine**  
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An Act to Promote Electronic Transmission of Health Care Transactions..

*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 176O of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 20, the following new section:

3 Section 21. Beginning January 1, 2010, all hospitals, physician practices and carriers  
4 shall conduct the following transactions electronically:

5 1. Eligibility for a health plan transaction, as described under Code of Federal  
6 Regulations, title 45, part 162, subpart L;

7 2. Health care payment and remittance advise transaction, as described under Code  
8 of Federal Regulations, title 45, part 162, subpart P;

9 3. Health care claims or equivalent encounter information transaction, as described  
10 under Code of Federal Regulations, title 45, part 162, subpart K;