

# SENATE . . . . . No. 423

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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 relative to reducing the cost of health care.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Jennifer L. Flanagan*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

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By Ms. Flanagan, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 423) of Jennifer L. Flanagan for legislation to reduce the cost of health care. Financial Services.

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven  
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An Act relative to reducing the cost of health care.

*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 10 of chapter 176O of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official  
2           Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:-

3           (d) Notwithstanding any provision of any individual or group policy or accident and  
4           health insurance, or any provision of a policy, contract, plan or agreement for hospital or medical  
5           service or indemnity, wherever such policy, contract, plan or agreement provides for  
6           reimbursement for any service which is in the lawful scope of practice of a duly licensed  
7           physician, dentist, psychologist, podiatrist, osteopath, optometrist, chiropractor or other health  
8           care provider, the person entitled to benefits or the person performing services under the policy,  
9           contract, plan or agreement shall be entitled to reimbursement at an equitable and the lowest rate  
10          for such service, whether the service is performed by a physician, dentist, psychologist,  
11          podiatrist, osteopath, optometrist, chiropractor or other health care provider duly licensed under  
12          the laws of the commonwealth.