SENATE No. 510

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patricia D. Jehlen

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 an alternative to institutional care.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Patricia D. Jehlen	
Bruce J. Ayers	1st Norfolk
John W. Scibak	2nd Hampshire
Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.	34th Middlesex
Frank I. Smizik	15th Norfolk
David B. Sullivan	6th Bristol
William N. Brownsberger	
Christine E. Canavan	10th Plymouth
Gale D. Candaras	
James B. Eldridge	
Susan C. Fargo	
Gloria L. Fox	7th Suffolk
Jonathan Hecht	29th Middlesex
James M. Murphy	4th Norfolk
James J. O'Day	14th Worcester
Denise Provost	27th Middlesex
Kathi-Anne Reinstein	16th Suffolk
Theodore C. Speliotis	13th Essex

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By Ms. Jehlen, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 510) of Patricia D. Jehlen, Bruce J. Ayers, John W. Scibak, Carl M. Sciortino, Jr. and other members of the General Court for legislation to regard MassHealth applications. Health Care Financing.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE SENATE, NO. *543* OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. The division shall provide, within forty-eight hours of a request, up to sixty

(60) days of eligibility for MassHealth home and community based services, including personal

care services, for individuals who, upon discharge from an acute hospital, medical center,

4 nursing facility, or health care facility including rehabilitation facilities and state hospitals, are

5 eligible for the MassHealth program and permanently or temporarily clinically eligible for home

6 and community based services, as determined by an aging services access point, an independent

7 living center, senior care options provider, or program for all-inclusive services for the elderly;

8 provided further the division shall promulgate such standards and regulations as may be

9 necessary for the administration of said provision of services.