

SENATE No. 535

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Richard T. Moore

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 requiring MassHealth to provide an explanation of benefits to beneficiaries.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Richard T. Moore</i>	
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Moore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 535) of Richard T. Moore, Michael O. Moore, Bruce E. Tarr and James J. Dwyer for legislation to require MassHealth to provide an explanation of benefits to beneficiaries. Health Care Financing.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act requiring MassHealth to provide an explanation of benefits to beneficiaries.

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 8 of chapter 118E of the General Laws, as appearing in
2 the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out subparagraph b¹/₂ and inserting in
3 place thereof the following 2 subparagraphs:-

4 b¹/₂. “Explanation of benefits”, a form, statement, or document sent to an
5 insurance enrollee explaining what medical treatment or services were provided, amounts to be
6 billed to the insurer and the enrollee, and payments made on each claim.

7 b³/₄. “Institution”, a licensed hospital, nursing home or public medical
8 institution that meets the requirements of the secretary.

9 SECTION 2. Said chapter 118E is hereby amended by inserting after said
10 section 8 the following section:-

11 Section 8 1/2. The division shall provide an explanation of benefits to any
12 person who receives medical or dental care under this chapter. Each explanation of benefits shall

13 include a printed statement requesting that the recipient of Medicaid benefits review the
14 explanation of benefits and notify the MassHealth fraud hotline of any discrepancy in payment
15 for services that may not have been provided. The statement shall provide the phone number for
16 the MassHealth fraud hotline and state that the recipient of Medicaid benefits who has reported
17 an adjudicated claim of fraud shall be granted a cash award to be determined by the division.
18 The division shall establish by regulation the amount of award that a recipient of benefits under
19 this chapter shall receive for an adjudicated claim.