

SENATE No. 557

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Steven A. Tolman

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 ensuring fair and reasonable medicaid payment rates for services provided by health care facilities licensed to provide chronic disease hospital services to children and adolescents..

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

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By Mr. Tolman, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 557) of Steven A. Tolman for legislation to ensure fair and reasonable medicaid payment rates for services provided by health care facilities. Health Care Financing.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 592 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act ensuring fair and reasonable medicaid payment rates for services provided by health care facilities licensed to provide chronic disease hospital services to children and adolescents..

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 13A of Chapter 118E of the Massachusetts General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the third paragraph
3 the following paragraph:

4 For any hospital fiscal year commencing on or after October 1, 2007, the Commonwealth
5 shall establish a new rate methodology through the division of healthcare finance and policy and
6 the executive office of health and human services to cover the cost of care provided by any
7 facility licensed by the department of public health as a chronic disease hospital providing
8 services solely to children and adolescents, as follows:

9 (1) The rate of reimbursement for any such facility shall be developed collaboratively
10 through an agreement among the office of Medicaid, the division of healthcare finance and
11 policy, and any such facility;

12 (2) the reimbursement rate for any such facility shall incorporate the following
13 components: (a) utilization of the reimbursement methodology used by the division and the
14 Executive Office of Health and Human Services to determine payments for Medicaid
15 disproportionate share pediatric hospitals in effect in 2007 utilizing the most recently filed 403
16 cost report with the division and the payments received from Medicaid eligible patients for the
17 base period; (b) a per diem rate for inpatient and a payment on account factor for outpatient shall
18 be established which reimburses the full unrecovered cost, including capital; and (c) the rates
19 shall be inflated over the base period by the applicable Medicare market basket inflation factors;
20 and

21 (3) notwithstanding any other provision of law, in no event will the rates of payment be
22 lower than the rates in effect for such facility in the prior fiscal year.