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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Carlo Basile

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 physical therapy.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Carlo Basile	*1st Suffolk*
Carolyn C. Dykema	*8th Middlesex*

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By Mr. Basile of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 846) of Carlo Basile and Carolyn C. Dykema relative to insurance coverage for physical therapy. Financial Services.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act relative to physical therapy.

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. Chapter 175 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following new section:-

Section 226. Physical Therapy Copayments

(a) An insurer shall not impose a copayment, coinsurance, or office visit deductible amount charged to the insured for services rendered for each date of service by a physical therapist licensed under section 23B of chapter 112 that is greater than the copayment, coinsurance, or office visit deductible amount charged to the insured for the services of a primary care physician or an osteopath licensed under section 2 of Chapter 112 for an office visit.

(b) An insurer shall state clearly the availability of physical therapy coverage under its plan and all related limitations, conditions, and exclusions.