

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 846**

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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:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Carlo Basile</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>	<i>1/18/2013</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	

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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.

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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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:*

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 175 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the  
2 following new section:-

3           Section 226. Physical Therapy Copayments

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

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