HOUSE No. 907

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael J. Finn

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 payment for services.

PETITION OF:

NAME:DISTRICT/ADDRESS:DATE ADDED:Michael J. Finn6th Hampden

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By Mr. Finn of West Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 907) of Michael J. Finn for legislation to authorize insurance companies to pay claims directly to service providers. Financial Services.

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act relative to payment for services.

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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:

Chapter 175 of the general laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding after section 24F, the following new section:

"Section 24G. Duty to include service provider on lump sum payment for services.

Every company authorized to issue policies of insurance pursuant to this chapter shall reimburse the service provider directly or by a check or other payment voucher payable to both the service provider and the claimant under a contract of insurance when it issues any nonrecurring payment to such claimant. Nothing in this section shall preclude an insurer from negotiating with and subsequently entering into a contract with a non-participating service provider that establishes rates of reimbursement for covered services."