

**SENATE . . . . . No. 529**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Mark C. Montigny***

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*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 coverage for chronic illness..

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Mark C. Montigny*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Second Bristol and Plymouth*

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By Mr. Montigny, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 529) of Mark C. Montigny for legislation relative to coverage for chronic illness. Health Care Financing.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 517 OF 2011-2012.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act relative to coverage for chronic illness..

*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 84 of Chapter 58 of the Acts of 2006 is amended by  
2 inserting after subsection (d) the following new subsection:-

3                   (e), notwithstanding any General or Special Law no carrier shall be permitted  
4 to charge a co-payment or deductible for any prescriptions or devices that are prescribed by a  
5 physician that are necessary for the treatment or maintenance of a chronic disease, illness or  
6 condition. The department of public health shall adopt regulations further defining a chronic  
7 disease, illness or condition.