

HOUSE No. 1915

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Claire D. Cronin

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 to ensure patient medication adherence.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Claire D. Cronin</i>	<i>11th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/16/2015</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>10/8/2019</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>10/8/2019</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>10/8/2019</i>

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By Ms. Cronin of Easton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1915) of Claire D. Cronin and others for legislation to direct the Department of Public Health to implement an institutional pharmacy discharge medication pilot program to ensure patient medication adherence. Public Health.

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)

An Act to ensure patient medication adherence.

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. (a) The department of public health shall implement an institutional
2 pharmacy discharge medication pilot program for the purposes of ensuring patient medication
3 adherence that shall last for 2 years. Such a program shall: (1) allow institutional pharmacies to
4 be treated like retail pharmacies for the purposes of providing medication to a patient at the time
5 of discharge; and (2) allow hospitals licensed pursuant to section 51 of Chapter 111 of the
6 General Laws and hospital pharmacists that hold a current license to practice pharmacy in the
7 commonwealth to provide a 14-day supply of medication to a patient at the time of discharge and
8 to perform medication review, reconciliation and counseling.

9 (b) If at the end of the 2-year pilot the department of public health determines that the
10 program has improved medication adherence, the department of public health shall remove any
11 regulatory barriers that prohibit such a program from expanding.