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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Mark J. Cusack

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 transparent health care data.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Mark J. Cusack	*5th Norfolk*

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By Mr. Cusack of Braintree, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 827) of Mark J. Cusack for legislation to provide transparency in the data contained in the payer and provider claims database. Financial Services.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to transparent health care data.

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. Subsection (a) of section 12 of chapter 12C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the second paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:--

The center shall, to the extent feasible, make data in the payer and provider claims database available to payers and providers in real-time; provided, however, that all data-sharing complies with applicable state and federal privacy laws.

SECTION 2. Subsection (b) of said section 12 is hereby amended is hereby amended by striking out the fourth sentence.

SECTION 3. Section 20 of said chapter 12C is hereby amended by striking out subsection (b) and inserting in place thereof the following section:--

11 (b) The website shall provide updated information on a regular basis, but no more than 90
12 days after data required to post such information has been reported to the center, and additional
13 comparative quality, price and cost information shall be published as determined by the center.
14 To the extent possible, the website shall include: (1) comparative price and cost information for
15 the most common referral or prescribed services, as determined by the center, categorized by
16 payer and listed by facility, provider, and provider organization or other groupings, as
17 determined by the center; (2) comparative quality information from the standard quality measure
18 set and verified by the center, available by facility, provider, provider organization or any other
19 provider grouping, as determined by the center, for each such service or category of service for
20 which comparative price and cost information is provided; (3) general information related to
21 each service or category of service for which comparative information is provided; (4)
22 comparative quality information from the standard quality measure set and verified by the center,
23 available by facility, provider, provider organization or other groupings, as determined by the
24 center, that is not service-specific, including information related to patient safety and
25 satisfaction; (5) data concerning healthcare-associated infections and serious reportable events
26 reported under section 51H of chapter 111; (6) definitions of common health insurance and
27 medical terms, including, but not limited to, those determined under sections 2715(g) (2) and (3)
28 of the Public Health Service Act, so that consumers may compare health coverage and
29 understand the terms of their coverage; (7) a list of health care provider types, including but not
30 limited to primary care physicians, nurse practitioners and physician assistants, and what types of
31 services they are authorized to perform in the commonwealth under applicable state and federal
32 scope of practice laws; (8) factors consumers should consider when choosing an insurance
33 product or provider group, including, but not limited to, provider network, premium, cost-

34 sharing, covered services, and tiering; (9) patient decision aids, which are interactive, written or
35 audio-visual tools that provide a balanced presentation of the condition and treatment or
36 screening options, benefits and harms, with attention to the patient's preferences and values, and
37 which may facilitate conversations between patients and their health care providers about
38 preference-sensitive conditions or diseases such as chronic back pain, early stage of breast and
39 prostate cancers, hip osteoarthritis, and cataracts; provided, however, that decision aids shall be
40 made available on, but not be limited to, long-term care and supports and palliative care; (10) a
41 list of provider services that are physically and programmatically accessible for people with
42 disabilities; and (11) descriptions of standard quality measures, as determined by the statewide
43 quality advisory committee and verified by the center.

44 SECTION 4. Paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of section 4 of Chapter 176J of the General
45 Laws, as amended by section 8 of chapter 3 of the acts of 2013, is hereby amended by inserting
46 after the fifth sentence the following two sentences:--

47 Upon the request of an eligible small business, a carrier shall provide that group with the
48 claims data for every health benefit plan that it provides to the eligible small business so that the
49 eligible small business can use such data to help control its health care costs.