

HOUSE No. 968

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jennifer E. Benson

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 a bundled payment pilot program.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/15/2015</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>9/9/2019</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>	<i>9/9/2019</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>	<i>9/9/2019</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>9/9/2019</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>9/9/2019</i>

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By Ms. Benson of Lunenburg, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 968) of Jennifer E. Benson and others that the Office of Medicaid be directed to establish a bundled payment pilot program. Health Care Financing.

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

An Act relative to a bundled payment pilot program.

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. The office of Medicaid shall establish a bundled payment pilot program
2 designed to serve persons with complex conditions and co-morbidities, including behavioral
3 health conditions. Such program shall be designed based on the 4 models of care set forth in the
4 Bundled Payments for Care Improvement Initiative of the federal Centers for Medicare and
5 Medicaid Services and shall provide for:

6 (a) A bundled payment for an episode of care focused on an acute care inpatient
7 hospitalization, which shall include a discount from the usual hospital inpatient payments.

8 (b) A bundled payment for an episode of care including an inpatient stay in the acute
9 care hospital and related services provided during the episode, which shall end 30, 60 or 90 days
10 after hospital discharge. The office shall determine the different clinical condition episodes to be
11 covered by the bundled payment.

12 (c) A bundled payment for an episode of care triggered by an acute care hospital stay
13 and beginning at the initiation of post-acute care services with a participating skilled nursing
14 facility, inpatient rehabilitation facility, long-term hospital or home health agency. The office
15 shall determine the different clinical condition episodes to be covered by the bundled payment.

16 (d) A single, prospectively determined bundled payment to a hospital to include all
17 services provided during the inpatient stay by the hospital, physicians and other practitioners.
18 The office shall determine the different clinical condition episodes to be covered by the bundled
19 payment.

20 SECTION 2. In cases under the bundled payment pilot program requiring coordination of
21 different health care services, including behavioral health treatment and services, and assistance
22 in access to and cueing of services, the office shall designate an individual with expertise in
23 providing such services to act as a case counselor for the patient. The case counselor shall have
24 the cultural and linguistic competence appropriate to the patient to which he is assigned. The
25 office shall determine the qualifications of such case counselors and the manner of their selection
26 and appointment.

27 SECTION 3. The program shall seek to integrate treatment of any accompanying
28 behavioral health conditions as part of the bundled payment and care coordination services
29 provided.

30 SECTION 4. The program shall address geographic accessibility of services to ensure
31 that patients can obtain all necessary or appropriate services and facilities included in the episode
32 of care.

33 SECTION 5. The program shall seek to ensure that patients participating in the program
34 have access to culturally and linguistically competent health care services.

35 SECTION 6. This act shall be effective on January 1, 2016.