

SENATE . . . . . No. 1502

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John F. Keenan

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 providing access to full spectrum addiction treatment services.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
John F. Keenan	Norfolk and Plymouth
Tackey Chan	2nd Norfolk
Denise Provost	27th Middlesex
James J. Dwyer	30th Middlesex
Jeffrey N. Roy	10th Norfolk
Carolyn C. Dykema	8th Middlesex
James M. Cantwell	4th Plymouth
Elizabeth A. Malia	11th Suffolk
Kathleen O'Connor Ives	First Essex
Eileen M. Donoghue	First Middlesex
Jason M. Lewis	Fifth Middlesex
Barbara A. L'Italien	Second Essex and Middlesex
Denise C. Garlick	13th Norfolk
Brian A. Joyce	Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth
Walter F. Timilty	7th Norfolk
Brian M. Ashe	2nd Hampden
Joan B. Lovely	Second Essex
Michael S. Day	31st Middlesex

<i>Thomas A. Golden, Jr.</i>	<i>16th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Bristol</i>	
<i>William Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>4th Berkshire</i>	
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	
<i>Claire D. Cronin</i>	<i>11th Plymouth</i>	<i>3/11/2015</i>

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By Mr. Keenan, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1502) of John F. Keenan, Tackey Chan, Denise Provost, James J. Dwyer and other members of the General Court for legislation to provide access to full spectrum addiction treatment services. Revenue.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act providing access to full spectrum addiction treatment services.

*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. Chapter 258 of the Acts of 2014 is hereby amended in sections 9, 19, 21,  
2   23, 25 and 27 by inserting after the definition of “Clinical stabilization services,” in each  
3   instance, the following new definition:-

4           “Transitional support services,” short-term, residential support services usually following  
5   clinical stabilization services, licensed by the department of public health to provide a safe and  
6   structured environment to support adults or adolescents in their addiction recovery process and  
7   their transition to outpatient or other aftercare.

8           SECTION 2. Section 9 of Chapter 258 of the Acts of 2014 is hereby further amended by  
9   striking the words “acute treatment services and medically necessary clinical stabilization  
10   services for up to a total of 14 days and shall not require preauthorization prior to obtaining such  
11   acute treatment services or clinical stabilization services” and inserting in place thereof the  
12   following:-

13 “acute treatment services, medically necessary clinical stabilization services, and  
14 medically necessary transitional support services for up to a total of 28 days and shall not require  
15 preauthorization prior to obtaining such services”

16 SECTION 3. Section 19 of Chapter 258 of the Acts of 2014 is hereby further amended by  
17 striking the words “for up to 14 days and shall not require preauthorization prior to obtaining  
18 clinical stabilization services” and inserting in place thereof the following:-

19 “and medically necessary transitional support services for up to a total of 28 days and  
20 shall not require preauthorization prior to obtaining such services”

21 SECTION 4. Chapter 258 of the Acts of 2014 is hereby further amended in sections 21,  
22 23, 25 and 27 by striking the words “acute treatment services and medically necessary clinical  
23 stabilization services for up to a total of 14 days and shall not require preauthorization prior to  
24 obtaining acute treatment services or clinical stabilization services” and inserting in place thereof  
25 the following:-

26 “acute treatment services, medically necessary clinical stabilization services, and  
27 medically necessary transitional support services for up to a total of 28 days and shall not require  
28 preauthorization prior to obtaining such services”

29 SECTION 5. The division of insurance shall conduct a review of the network adequacy  
30 and patient access to the acute treatment, clinical stabilization, and transitional support services  
31 required to be covered by carriers pursuant to sections 21, 23, 25 and 27 of chapter 258 of the  
32 Acts of 2014, and shall submit a report of findings to the House and Senate Committees on Ways  
33 and Means, and the Joint Committee on Mental Health and Substance Abuse, not later than  
34 March 31, 2016.