

**SENATE . . . . . No. 615**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Mark C. Montigny***

*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.

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. 615) 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. 529 OF 2013-2014.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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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 inserting after  
2 subsection (d) the following new subsection:-

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