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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Elizabeth A. Malia***

*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 equitable access to behavioral health services for MassHealth consumers.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| *Elizabeth A. Malia* | *11th Suffolk* | *1/19/2017* |
| *Angelo M. Scaccia* | *14th Suffolk* | *1/19/2017* |
| *Kevin G. Honan* | *17th Suffolk* | *1/19/2017* |
| *Denise C. Garlick* | *13th Norfolk* | *1/19/2017* |
| *Kay Khan* | *11th Middlesex* | *1/19/2017* |
| *Barbara A. L'Italien* | *Second Essex and Middlesex* | *1/19/2017* |
| *James B. Eldridge* | *Middlesex and Worcester* | *1/19/2017* |
| *Ruth B. Balser* | *12th Middlesex* | *1/19/2017* |
| *Ann-Margaret Ferrante* | *5th Essex* | *1/19/2017* |
| *Louis L. Kafka* | *8th Norfolk* | *1/19/2017* |
| *Marjorie C. Decker* | *25th Middlesex* | *1/19/2017* |
| *Julian Cyr* | *Cape and Islands* | *1/19/2017* |
| *José F. Tosado* | *9th Hampden* | *1/19/2017* |
| *Mary S. Keefe* | *15th Worcester* | *1/19/2017* |
| *Steven Ultrino* | *33rd Middlesex* | *2/1/2017* |
| *Daniel Cullinane* | *12th Suffolk* | *1/19/2017* |
| *David M. Rogers* | *24th Middlesex* | *1/19/2017* |

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By Ms. Malia of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2399) of Elizabeth A. Malia and others relative to providing equitable access to behavioral health services for MassHealth consumers. Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *1805* OF 2015-2016.]

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court**
**(2017-2018)**

An Act providing equitable access to behavioral health services for MassHealth consumers.

*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. Section 12 of chapter 118E of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end of the ninth paragraph the following:-

The Division shall certify and ensure that all contracted accountable care organizations, contracted health insurers, health plans, health maintenance organizations, and behavioral health management firms and third party administrators under contract to a Medicaid managed care organization or primary care clinician plan provide comparable access to behavioral health services, benefits, and medications in providing medical assistance to recipients.

The Division shall obtain the approval of the Secretary of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services for all behavioral health services, benefits, and medications, including but

not limited to policies, protocols, standards, contract specifications, utilization review and utilization management criteria and outcome measurements, used by all contracted accountable care organizations, contracted insurers, health plans, health maintenance organizations, behavioral health management firms and third party administrators under contract to a Medicaid managed care organization or primary care clinician plan.