

HOUSE No. 2569

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul W. Mark

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 limiting out of pocket health expenses.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>
<i>Michael J. Finn</i>	<i>6th Hampden</i>
<i>Frank A. Moran</i>	<i>17th Essex</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>
<i>Carmine L. Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>
<i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balser</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jack Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Brian Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>

<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Daniel Cullinane</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>James R. Miceli</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>
<i>Daniel Cahill</i>	<i>10th Essex</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Stephen Kulik</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Stephan Hay</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>James M. Murphy</i>	<i>4th Norfolk</i>
<i>Gerard Cassidy</i>	<i>9th Plymouth</i>
<i>Nick Collins</i>	<i>4th Suffolk</i>
<i>Kathleen O'Connor Ives</i>	<i>First Essex</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Natalie Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jennifer L. Flanagan</i>	<i>Worcester and Middlesex</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>
<i>Paul Tucker</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>
<i>Thomas A. Golden, Jr.</i>	<i>16th Middlesex</i>
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>

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By Mr. Mark of Peru, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2569) of Paul W. Mark and others relative to out of pocket health expenses for active and retired employees, their dependents and survivors. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act limiting out of pocket health expenses.

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 6 of chapter 32A of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 inserting after the fourth sentence thereof the following new sentence: -

3 For active and retired employees, their dependents and the survivors of deceased
4 employees, including municipal subscribers, the maximum amount of deductibles and
5 copayments for covered services during an enrollment year in a plan shall not exceed \$2,500 for
6 individual coverage and \$5,000 for family coverage.

7 SECTION 2. Subsection (b) Section 22 of Chapter 32B is hereby amended by striking the
8 first paragraph and inserting the following new paragraph:-

9 (b) An appropriate public authority may increase the dollar amounts for copayments,
10 deductibles, tiered provider network copayments and other cost-sharing plan design features;
11 provided that, for subscribers enrolled in a non-Medicare plan, such features do not exceed plan
12 design features offered by the commission pursuant to section 4 or 4A of chapter 32A in a non-

13 Medicare plan with the largest subscriber enrollment and, for subscribers enrolled in a Medicare
14 plan under section 18A, such features do not exceed plan design features offered by the
15 commission pursuant to section 4 or 4A of chapter 32A in a Medicare plan with the largest
16 subscriber enrollment; provided that for active and retired employees, their dependents and the
17 survivors of deceased employees the maximum amount of health insurance deductibles and
18 copayments for covered services during an enrollment year in a plan shall not exceed those
19 offered by the commission; provided, however, that the public authority need only satisfy the
20 requirements of subsection (a) of section 21 the first time changes are implemented pursuant to
21 this section; and provided, further that the public authority meet its obligations under subsections
22 (b) to (h), inclusive, of section 21 each time an increase to a plan design feature is proposed.