

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Leonard Mirra

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 transparent health care data.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Leonard Mirra	2nd Essex	1/17/2017
F. Jay Barrows	1st Bristol	1/31/2017
Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.	5th Worcester	2/3/2017
Randy Hunt	5th Barnstable	1/31/2017
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	20th Middlesex	1/31/2017
Kevin J. Kuros	8th Worcester	2/3/2017
James R. Miceli	19th Middlesex	1/26/2017
Shaunna L. O'Connell	3rd Bristol	2/3/2017
Bruce E. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex	2/3/2017
Jonathan D. Zlotnik	2nd Worcester	2/2/2017

By Mr. Mirra of West Newbury, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 558) of Leonard Mirra and others for legislation to provide transparency in the data contained in the payer and provider claims database. Financial Services.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE HOUSE, NO. 827 OF 2015-2016.]

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

An Act relative to transparent health care data.

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. Subsection (a) of section 12 of chapter 12C of the General Laws, as

2 appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the second paragraph

3 and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:--

- 4 The center shall, to the extent feasible, make data in the payer and provider claims
- 5 database available to payers and providers in real-time; provided, however, that all data-sharing
- 6 complies with applicable state and federal privacy laws.
- 7 SECTION 2. Subsection (b) of said section 12 is hereby amended is hereby amended by
- 8 striking out the fourth sentence.

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SECTION 3. Section 20 of said chapter 12C is hereby amended by striking out subsection (b) and inserting in place thereof the following section:--

11 (b) The website shall provide updated information on a regular basis, but no more than 90 12 days after data required to post such information has been reported to the center, and additional 13 comparative quality, price and cost information shall be published as determined by the center. 14 To the extent possible, the website shall include: (1) comparative price and cost information for 15 the most common referral or prescribed services, as determined by the center, categorized by 16 payer and listed by facility, provider, and provider organization or other groupings, as 17 determined by the center; (2) comparative quality information from the standard quality measure set and verified by the center, available by facility, provider, provider organization or any other 18 19 provider grouping, as determined by the center, for each such service or category of service for 20 which comparative price and cost information is provided; (3) general information related to 21 each service or category of service for which comparative information is provided; (4) 22 comparative quality information from the standard quality measure set and verified by the center, 23 available by facility, provider, provider organization or other groupings, as determined by the 24 center, that is not service-specific, including information related to patient safety and 25 satisfaction; (5) data concerning healthcare-associated infections and serious reportable events 26 reported under section 51H of chapter 111; (6) definitions of common health insurance and 27 medical terms, including, but not limited to, those determined under sections 2715(g) (2) and (3) 28 of the Public Health Service Act, so that consumers may compare health coverage and 29 understand the terms of their coverage; (7) a list of health care provider types, including but not 30 limited to primary care physicians, nurse practitioners and physician assistants, and what types of 31 services they are authorized to perform in the commonwealth under applicable state and federal

32 scope of practice laws; (8) factors consumers should consider when choosing an insurance 33 product or provider group, including, but not limited to, provider network, premium, costsharing, covered services, and tiering; (9) patient decision aids, which are interactive, written or 34 35 audio-visual tools that provide a balanced presentation of the condition and treatment or 36 screening options, benefits and harms, with attention to the patient's preferences and values, and 37 which may facilitate conversations between patients and their health care providers about 38 preference-sensitive conditions or diseases such as chronic back pain, early stage of breast and 39 prostate cancers, hip osteoarthritis, and cataracts; provided, however, that decision aids shall be 40 made available on, but not be limited to, long-term care and supports and palliative care; (10) a 41 list of provider services that are physically and programmatically accessible for people with 42 disabilities; and (11) descriptions of standard quality measures, as determined by the statewide 43 quality advisory committee and verified by the center.

44 (12)comparative price and cost information for the most common referral or prescribed
 45 services, as determined by the center, compared to the price and cost information of other states.

SECTION 4. Paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of section 4 of Chapter 176J of the General
Laws, as amended by section 8 of chapter 3 of the acts of 2013, is hereby amended by inserting
after the fifth sentence the following two sentences:--

49 Upon the request of an eligible small business, a carrier shall provide that group with the 50 claims data for every health benefit plan that it provides to the eligible small business so that the 51 eligible small business can use such data to help control its health care costs.

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