

HOUSE No. 597

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Gerard Cassidy

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 ensuring equitable health care access.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Gerard Cassidy</i>	<i>9th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/19/2017</i>

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By Mr. Cassidy of Brockton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 597) of Gerard Cassidy for legislation to ensure equitable health care access. Health Care Financing.

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

An Act ensuring equitable health care access.

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 12 of chapter 6D of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out paragraph (a) and inserting in place thereof
3 the following paragraph:--

4 (a) No provider or provider organization may negotiate network contracts with any
5 carrier or third-party administrator except for a provider or provider organizations which (1) are
6 registered under this chapter and regulations promulgated under this chapter, and (2) have a
7 percentage of gross patient service revenues from public health care payers that is equal to the
8 median percentage of gross patient service revenues from public health care payers of the acute
9 hospitals in the provider or provider organization’s primary service area; provided, however, that
10 nothing in this chapter shall require a provider or provider organization with a patient panel of
11 15,000 or fewer or which represents providers who collectively receive, less than \$25,000,000 in
12 annual net patient service revenue from carriers or third-party administrators to be registered if
13 such provider or provider is not a risk-bearing provider organization.