

SENATE No. 514

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Sal N. DiDomenico

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 for coverage of necessary aqua therapy.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Linda Dorcena Forry</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>William N. Brownsberger</i>	<i>Second Suffolk and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/8/2017</i>

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By Mr. DiDomenico, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 514) of Sal N. DiDomenico, Julian Cyr, Linda Dorcena Forry, Kevin G. Honan and others for legislation to provide for coverage of necessary aqua therapy. Financial Services.

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

An Act providing for coverage of necessary aqua therapy.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 175 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 47II the
2 following section:-

3 Section 47JJ. Coverage for necessary aqua therapy

4 Any individual policy of accident or sickness insurance issued, delivered or renewed
5 within the commonwealth pursuant to section 108 of this chapter, and any group blanket policy
6 of accident or sickness insurance issued, delivered or renewed within the commonwealth
7 pursuant to section 110 of this chapter, shall cover, without preauthorization, medically
8 necessary aqua therapy provided by a licensed aqua therapist.

9 Medical necessity shall be determined by the treating clinician in consultation with the
10 patient and noted in the patient’s medical record.