

HOUSE No. 1199

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Steven Ultrino

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 regarding Medicare savings programs eligibility.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>Carlos González</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>
<i>Paul J. Donato</i>	<i>35th Middlesex</i>
<i>John Barrett, III</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>
<i>Peter Capano</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>
<i>Maria Duaiame Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Nika C. Elugardo</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>Jon Santiago</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>
<i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>
<i>Daniel Cahill</i>	<i>10th Essex</i>
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>

<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Michael J. Finn</i>	<i>6th Hampden</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>James T. Welch</i>	<i>Hampden</i>
<i>Christopher M. Markey</i>	<i>9th Bristol</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>
<i>Daniel J. Hunt</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>Michael S. Day</i>	<i>31st Middlesex</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Adrian C. Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>
<i>RoseLee Vincent</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>
<i>Gerard J. Cassidy</i>	<i>9th Plymouth</i>
<i>Christopher Hendricks</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>
<i>Dylan A. Fernandes</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Daniel R. Cullinane</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>
<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>
<i>Thomas P. Walsh</i>	<i>12th Essex</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>
<i>Stephan Hay</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>

<i>Russell E. Holmes</i>	<i>6th Suffolk</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>
<i>Brendan P. Crighton</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>
<i>Liz Miranda</i>	<i>5th Suffolk</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>
<i>Bradford Hill</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>
<i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>
<i>Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>4th Berkshire</i>
<i>Edward F. Coppinger</i>	<i>10th Suffolk</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>
<i>Patricia A. Haddad</i>	<i>5th Bristol</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>
<i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>
<i>William J. Driscoll, Jr.</i>	<i>7th Norfolk</i>
<i>Michelle L. Ciccolo</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>
<i>Mark C. Montigny</i>	<i>Second Bristol and Plymouth</i>
<i>David Biele</i>	<i>4th Suffolk</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Chynah Tyler</i>	<i>7th Suffolk</i>
<i>Harriette L. Chandler</i>	<i>First Worcester</i>
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>
<i>Joseph A. Boncore</i>	<i>First Suffolk and Middlesex</i>

HOUSE No. 1199

By Mr. Ultrino of Malden, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1199) of Steven Ultrino and others relative to Medicare savings programs eligibility. Health Care Financing.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act regarding Medicare savings programs eligibility.

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. Chapter 118E of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
2 section 25 the following section:-

3 SECTION 25A. The division shall disregard income in an amount equivalent to sixty-
4 five percent of the federal poverty level, as adjusted annually, in determining eligibility for the
5 Qualified Medicare Beneficiary, Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary and Qualified
6 Individual programs, described in 42 U.S.C. §1396(a)(10)(E) and also known as the Medicare
7 Savings or Medicare Buy-In Programs in accordance with the following schedule or such earlier
8 date as the division determines to be feasible: In the year in which the state plan amendment is
9 approved, the division shall disregard income in an amount equivalent to thirty percent (30%) of
10 the federal poverty level; in the following year, the division shall disregard income in an amount
11 equivalent to forty-five percent (45%) of the federal poverty level; in the following year the
12 division shall disregard income in an amount equivalent to sixty-five percent (65%) of the
13 federal poverty level.

14 The division shall implement a waiting list in any year in which the number of qualified
15 applicants for the Qualified Individual Program exceeds the annual block grant amount for said
16 program. The division shall not apply an asset test in determining eligibility for said Medicare
17 Savings Programs. The division shall submit a state plan amendment to implement this section
18 no later than 30 days after the effective date of this section and subsequently promulgate all
19 regulations necessary to implement said income and asset disregards.