

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 992**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Thomas A. Golden, Jr.***

*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 controlling healthcare cost growth for consumers by directing carriers to constrain the variation in payment to providers within their networks.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Thomas A. Golden, Jr.</i>	<i>16th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/18/2019</i>
<i>Rady Mom</i>	<i>18th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Edward J. Kennedy</i>	<i>First Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>

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By Mr. Golden of Lowell, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 992) of Thomas A. Golden, Jr., Rady Mom and Edward J. Kennedy relative to the rates of reimbursement paid to providers within the carrier’s network. Financial Services.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

An Act relative to controlling healthcare cost growth for consumers by directing carriers to constrain the variation in payment to providers within their networks.

*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 176O is hereby amended by adding after section 27 thereof the  
2 following section:-

3 Section 28. Each carrier shall annually submit to the commissioner, in a form approved  
4 by the commissioner, materials attesting that the rates of reimbursement paid to providers within  
5 the carrier’s network vary by no more than 30 percent.

6 SECTION 2. This section shall be effective for carriers licensed by the Division no later  
7 than January 1, 2022.