

**SENATE . . . . . No. 604**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***John F. Keenan***

*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 removing barriers to non-opioid pain management.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>John F. Keenan</i>	<i>Norfolk and Plymouth</i>	
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	<i>2/15/2019</i>

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By Mr. Keenan, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 604) of John F. Keenan, Patrick M. O'Connor and Joan B. Lovely for legislation relative to removing barriers to non-opioid pain management. Financial Services.

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)  
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An Act relative to removing barriers to non-opioid pain management.

*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. The second paragraph of Section 81 of Chapter 208 of the Acts of 2018 is  
2 hereby amended by inserting the following sentence at the end thereof:- Any policy, contract,  
3 agreement, plan or certificate of insurance issued, delivered or renewed within the  
4 Commonwealth, which is considered creditable coverage under this section, shall not require a  
5 member to obtain a preauthorization for alternative pain management services identified by the  
6 carrier as necessary to comply with said guidelines developed by the division of insurance.

7           SECTION 2. The second paragraph of Section 85 of Chapter 208 of the Acts of 2018 is  
8 hereby amended by inserting the following sentence at the end thereof:- Any policy, contract,  
9 agreement, plan or certificate of insurance issued, delivered or renewed within the  
10 Commonwealth, which is considered creditable coverage under this section, shall not require a  
11 member to obtain a preauthorization for alternative pain management services identified by the  
12 carrier as necessary to comply with said guidelines developed by the division of insurance.

13           SECTION 3. The second paragraph of Section 88 of Chapter 208 of the Acts of 2018 is  
14 hereby amended by inserting the following sentence at the end thereof:- Any policy, contract,  
15 agreement, plan or certificate of insurance issued, delivered or renewed within the  
16 Commonwealth, which is considered creditable coverage under this section, shall not require a  
17 member to obtain a preauthorization for alternative pain management services identified by the  
18 carrier as necessary to comply with said guidelines developed by the division of insurance.

19           SECTION 4. The second paragraph of Section 91 of Chapter 208 of the Acts of 2018 is  
20 hereby amended by inserting the following sentence at the end thereof:- Any policy, contract,  
21 agreement, plan or certificate of insurance issued, delivered or renewed within the  
22 Commonwealth, which is considered creditable coverage under this section, shall not require a  
23 member to obtain a preauthorization for alternative pain management services identified by the  
24 carrier as necessary to comply with said guidelines developed by the division of insurance.