

HOUSE No. 1240

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Ruth B. Balsler

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 to ensure MassHealth rate parity for behavioral health inpatient providers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/21/2021</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	<i>1/28/2021</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>2/17/2021</i>

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By Ms. Balsler of Newton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1240) of Ruth B. Balsler, Mindy Domb and Lindsay N. Sabadosa relative to MassHealth rate parity for behavioral health inpatient providers. Health Care Financing.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act to ensure MassHealth rate parity for behavioral health inpatient providers.

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 13 of Chapter 118E is amended by adding the following “ Notwithstanding the
2 foregoing the division shall ensure that its contracted health insurers, health plans, health
3 maintenance organizations, behavioral health management firms and third party administrators
4 under contract to a Medicaid managed care organization or primary care clinician plan shall
5 reimburse all contracted inpatient behavioral health providers not less than the MassHealth
6 contracted per diem rate for inpatient behavioral health care”