

HOUSE No. 1164

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>1/19/2023</i>

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By Representative Balser of Newton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1164) of Ruth B. Balser for legislation to ensure MassHealth rate parity for behavioral health inpatient providers. Health Care Financing.

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)

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 hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the
2 following:-

3 “Notwithstanding the foregoing, the division shall ensure that its contracted health
4 insurers, health plans, health maintenance organizations, behavioral health management firms
5 and third party administrators under contract with MassHealth shall reimburse all network
6 inpatient behavioral health providers not less than the MassHealth fee for service per diem rate
7 for inpatient behavioral health care”.

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