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HOUSE . . . . . No. 968

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Gerard J. Cassidy

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 requiring reimbursement for the costs of providing competent interpreter services.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Gerard J. Cassidy	*9th Plymouth*	*1/18/2023*

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By Representative Cassidy of Brockton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 968) of Gerard J. Cassidy relative to the reimbursement of interpreter services incurred by certain hospitals. Financial Services.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *1217* OF 2021-2022.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act requiring reimbursement for the costs of providing competent interpreter services.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Section 1. Section 13F of Chapter 118E of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding at the end of the first paragraph the following sentence:

Provided however, the costs of providing competent interpreter services through sign and spoken languages by facilities licensed under section 19 of chapter 19 of the general laws or Section 51 of Chapter 111 of the general laws, shall be recognized and separately reimbursed by the division and its contracted health insurers, health plans, health maintenance organizations, behavioral health management firms and third party contractors under contract to a division managed care organization or primary care clinician program.

Section 2: Notwithstanding any general or special law, rule or regulation to the contrary, "Carriers" and "Behavioral Health Managers" as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 176O and their contractors, shall recognize and separately reimburse facilities licensed under section 19 of Chapter 19 of the general laws or Section 51 of Chapter 111 of the general laws for the costs of providing competent interpreter services through sign and spoken languages.