

SENATE No. 370

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Adam Gomez

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 intensive case management for clinically complex older adults.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Adam Gomez</i>	<i>Hampden</i>	
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2023</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>2/9/2023</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>2/10/2023</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>3/1/2023</i>
<i>Mark C. Montigny</i>	<i>Second Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>3/3/2023</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	<i>4/13/2023</i>
<i>Lydia Edwards</i>	<i>Third Suffolk</i>	<i>4/13/2023</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>7/26/2023</i>

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By Mr. Gomez, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 370) of Adam Gomez, Joanne M. Comerford, Sal N. DiDomenico, Mathew J. Muratore and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to intensive case management for clinically complex older adults. Elder Affairs.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 398 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**
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An Act relative to intensive case management for clinically complex older adults.

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

1 Chapter 19A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by inserting, after section 4, the following section:-

3 Section 4 1/2.

4 (a) For the purposes of this section, the following words shall have the following
5 meanings: “Clinically Complex”. A summarized status of an individual’s clinical eligibility for
6 receiving intensive case management.

7 (b) There is hereby established the intensive case management program for the purposes
8 of supporting individuals who are current or prospective participants of the home care program

9 established in section 4, but who are determined to be clinically complex and therefore require
10 sustained, in-depth case management exceeding the level provided under the program. Intensive
11 case management shall be provided to transition an individual into receiving home care program
12 services, or to retain an active enrollee who is experiencing program participation challenges due
13 to 1) serious mental illness or behavioral disturbances; 2) complex dynamics involving the
14 family and informal support networks that impact the acceptance or delivery of critical home
15 care services; or 3) multiple medical and/or functional needs that put at risk the ability of the
16 ASAP to appropriately serve the enrollee.

17 (c) The department shall establish intensive case management reimbursement rates that
18 reasonably reflect the level of expertise and commitment of time required to successfully support
19 a qualifying individual's enrollment and ongoing participation in the State Home Care program.