

SENATE No. 770

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jason M. Lewis

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 regarding Medicare savings programs eligibility.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>2/2/2023</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2023</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>	<i>3/3/2023</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>3/13/2023</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex</i>	<i>3/29/2023</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	<i>4/13/2023</i>

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By Mr. Lewis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 770) of Jason M. Lewis, Sal N. DiDomenico, Steven Ultrino and Patricia D. Jehlen for legislation relative to Medicare savings programs eligibility. Health Care Financing.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 794 OF 2021-2022.]

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

An Act regarding Medicare savings programs eligibility.

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. Section 25A of Chapter 118E of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 replacing Section 25A with the following section:-

3 SECTION 25A. The division shall disregard income in an amount equivalent to one-
4 hundred-sixty-five percent (165%) of the federal poverty level, as adjusted annually, in
5 determining eligibility for the Qualified Medicare Beneficiary, Specified Low-Income Medicare
6 Beneficiary and Qualified Individual programs, described in 42 U.S.C. §1396(a)(10)(E) and also
7 known as the Medicare Savings or Medicare Buy-In Programs in the year in which the state plan
8 amendment is approved;

9 The division shall not apply an asset test in determining eligibility for said Medicare
10 Savings Programs;

11 The division shall implement a waiting list in any year in which the number of qualified
12 applicants for the Qualified Individual Program exceeds the annual block grant amount for said
13 program;

14 The division shall submit a state plan amendment to implement this section no later than
15 30 days after the effective date of this section and subsequently promulgate all regulations
16 necessary to implement said income and asset disregards.