

SENATE No. 784

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Mark C. Montigny

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 coverage for chronic illness.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Mark C. Montigny

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Second Bristol and Plymouth

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By Mr. Montigny, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 784) of Mark C. Montigny for legislation relative to coverage for chronic illness. Health Care Financing.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 803 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 coverage for chronic illness.

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. Chapter 176J of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 14 the following new section:-

3 Section 14A. No carrier shall charge a co-payment or deductible for any prescriptions or
4 devices that are prescribed by a physician and are necessary for the treatment or maintenance of
5 a chronic disease, illness or condition. The department of public health shall adopt regulations
6 further defining a chronic disease, illness or condition for purposes of this section.