

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1313**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Lindsay N. Sabadosa***

*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 relating to patient choice in dispensing of clinician-administered drugs.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>1/16/2025</i>

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By Representative Sabadosa of Northampton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1313) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa relative to patient choice in dispensing of clinician-administered drugs. Financial Services.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**

An Act relating to patient choice in dispensing of clinician-administered drugs.

*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 176O of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
2 section 29 the following section:-

3 Section 30. (a) In this section:

4 (1) "Clinician-administered drug" means an outpatient prescription drug other than a  
5 vaccine that:

6 (A) cannot reasonably be self-administered by the patient to whom the drug is prescribed  
7 or by an individual assisting the patient with the self-administration; and

8 (B) is typically administered:

9 (i) by a health care provider authorized under the laws of this state to administer the drug,  
10 including when acting under a physician 's delegation and supervision; and

11 (ii) in a physician's office, hospital outpatient infusion center, or other clinical setting.

12 (b) A health benefit carrier:

13 (1) shall not refuse to authorize, approve, or pay a participating provider for providing  
14 covered clinician-administered drugs and related services to covered persons;

15 (2) shall not impose coverage or benefits limitations, or require an enrollee to pay an  
16 additional fee, higher copay, higher coinsurance, second copay, second coinsurance, or other  
17 penalty when obtaining clinician-administered drugs from a health care provider authorized  
18 under the laws of this state to administer clinician-administered drugs, or a pharmacy;

19 (3) shall not interfere with the patient's right to choose to obtain a clinician-administered  
20 drug from their provider or pharmacy of choice, including inducement, steering, or offering  
21 financial or other incentives;

22 (4) shall not require clinician-administered drugs to be dispensed by a pharmacy selected  
23 by the health plan;

24 (5) shall not limit or exclude coverage for a clinician-administered drug when not  
25 dispensed by a pharmacy selected by the health plan, if such drug would otherwise be covered;

26 (6) shall not reimburse at a lesser amount clinician-administered drugs dispensed by a  
27 pharmacy not selected by the health plan;

28 (7) shall not condition, deny, restrict, refuse to authorize or approve, or reduce payment  
29 to a participating provider for providing covered clinician-administered drugs and related  
30 services to covered persons when all criteria for medical necessity are met, because the

31 participating provider obtains clinician-administered drugs from a pharmacy that is not a  
32 participating provider in the health benefit issuer's network;

33 (8) shall not require that an enrollee pay an additional fee, higher copay, higher  
34 coinsurance, second copay, second coinsurance, or any other form of price increase for clinician-  
35 administered drugs when not dispensed by a pharmacy selected by the health plan;

36 (9) shall not require a specialty pharmacy to dispense a clinician-administered medication  
37 directly to a patient with the intention that the patient will transport the medication to a  
38 healthcare provider for administration

39 (c) A health benefit carrier may offer, but shall not require:

40 (1) the use of a home infusion pharmacy to dispense clinician-administered drugs to  
41 patients in their homes or;

42 (2) the use of an infusion site external to a patient's provider office or clinic.