

HOUSE No. 779

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kate Lipper-Garabedian

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 to protect 340B providers in the MassHealth program.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Kate Lipper-Garabedian</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/16/2025</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>7/16/2025</i>

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By Representative Lipper-Garabedian of Melrose, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 779) of Kate Lipper-Garabedian relative to hospital access to discounted purchase of prescription drugs. Elder Affairs.

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

An Act to protect 340B providers in the MassHealth program.

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 13L of chapter 118E of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking the
2 section in its entirety and replacing with the following:

3 “The secretary of health and human services, hereinafter “the secretary”, shall not restrict
4 or limit an eligible hospital’s access to the discounted purchase of prescription drugs to the full
5 extent permitted under section 340B of the Public Health Service Act, as codified under 42
6 U.S.C. 256b unless the secretary provides the following not less than 180 days before the
7 proposed effective date of the limitation or restriction: (i) notice to eligible hospitals of the
8 proposed restriction or limitation; and (ii) a report with the joint committee on health care
9 financing and the senate and house committees on ways and means detailing: (A) the proposed
10 restriction or limitation; (B) the anticipated aggregate savings to the commonwealth; (C) the
11 estimated fiscal impact of the restriction or limitation on each affected hospital; and (D) the
12 manner in which the secretary plans to mitigate the fiscal impact, which may include measures to

13 maintain savings already achieved by providers under said 42 U.S.C. 256b. In addition to the
14 foregoing, the secretary shall not take any actions, including through managed care entities as
15 defined in section 13D ½ of this chapter, that restrict or limit reimbursement or coverage of a
16 drug purchased under 42 U.S.C. 256b when furnished to MassHealth members, unless the
17 specific drug subject to restriction or limitation (i) costs \$100,000 or more per utilizer per year
18 and is one of up to 25 drugs designated by the executive office for exclusion from MassHealth
19 members, or (ii) is one of the seven GLP-1 Agonist drugs designated by the executive office that
20 is restricted from reimbursement if purchased under 42 U.S.C. 256b effective July 1, 2024.”