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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

*Adam J. Scanlon*

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*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 require equitable payment from the Commonwealth.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Adam J. Scanlon</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>1/6/2025</i>

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act to require equitable payment from the Commonwealth.

*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 16 of chapter 6A, as appearing in the 2008 Official edition of the  
2 General Laws, is amended by adding, at the end thereof, the following new paragraph:

3           "And provided further that the secretary of the executive office of health and human  
4 services shall ensure that network hospitals are compensated at their full negotiated rate for  
5 behavioral health services provided to MassHealth patients who are also clients of agencies  
6 within the executive office of health and human services and for whom no appropriate alternative  
7 placement is available. Provided however, such compensation shall only be provided if the  
8 hospital can document that it has engaged in good faith efforts to place said clients in any  
9 appropriate alternative setting."