

SENATE No. 872

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John F. Keenan

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 establishing a community health center nurse practitioner residency program.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | |
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| <i>John F. Keenan</i> | <i>Norfolk and Plymouth</i> | |
| <i>Joanne M. Comerford</i> | <i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i> | <i>1/23/2025</i> |
| <i>Michael J. Barrett</i> | <i>Third Middlesex</i> | <i>2/21/2025</i> |
| <i>Michael O. Moore</i> | <i>Second Worcester</i> | <i>3/6/2025</i> |
| <i>Liz Miranda</i> | <i>Second Suffolk</i> | <i>3/18/2025</i> |
| <i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i> | <i>Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex</i> | <i>4/5/2025</i> |
| <i>James K. Hawkins</i> | <i>2nd Bristol</i> | <i>4/14/2025</i> |
| <i>Vanna Howard</i> | <i>17th Middlesex</i> | <i>5/12/2025</i> |
| <i>James B. Eldridge</i> | <i>Middlesex and Worcester</i> | <i>6/12/2025</i> |
| <i>Pavel M. Payano</i> | <i>First Essex</i> | <i>7/21/2025</i> |

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By Mr. Keenan, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 872) of John F. Keenan, Joanne M. Comerford, Michael J. Barrett and Michael O. Moore for legislation to establish a community health center nurse practitioner residency program. Health Care Financing.

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

An Act establishing a community health center nurse practitioner residency 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 1. Chapter 118E of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following new section:-

3 Section 83. The division shall establish a community health center nurse practitioner
4 residency program for the purposes of recruiting and retaining nurse practitioners at community
5 health centers in order to increase access to high-quality community-based primary, preventative
6 and integrated care.

7 These programs shall:

8 (i) Provide a 24-month post-graduate residency program, administered by community
9 health centers, defined as community health centers receiving a grant under 42 USC 254b, for
10 certified nurse practitioners who have graduated from an accredited school of nursing within the
11 past three years;

12 (ii) Provide nurse practitioners in the program with patient panels under the supervision
13 and mentorship of a physician or other advanced practice registered nurse at a community health
14 center; and

15 (iii) Require nurse practitioners that participate in the 24-month residency program enter
16 into a contract with the community health center for at least eighteen months of employment.

17 Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to conflict with, replace, or supersede any
18 licensure requirements or standards for the advanced nursing practice established pursuant to
19 chapters 94C or 112.

20 SECTION 2. The division shall make expenditures of no less than \$2,500,000 annually to
21 this program and shall seek federal Medicaid reimbursement for this program as graduate
22 medical education.

23 SECTION 3. The division shall promulgate regulations to implement said program,
24 including program details and grant guidelines as necessary, no later than six months after the
25 passage of this act.