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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Elizabeth A. Malia

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 passage of the accompanying:

An Act providing equitable access to behavioral health services for MassHealth consumers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Elizabeth A. Malia	*11th Suffolk*
Ruth B. Balser	*12th Middlesex*
Angelo M. Scaccia	*14th Suffolk*
Michael Barrett	*Third Middlesex*
Kay Khan	*11th Middlesex*

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By Ms. Malia of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1797) of Elizabeth A. Malia and others relative to providing for equitable access to behavioral health services for MassHealth consumers. Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
HOUSE
, NO. *1428* OF 2011-2012.]

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An Act providing equitable access to behavioral health services for MassHealth consumers.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 12 of chapter 118E of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end of the ninth paragraph the following sentence:-

The Division shall ensure that all contracted health insurers, health plans, health maintenance organizations, and behavioral health management firms and third party administrators provide comparable access to behavioral health services, benefits, and medications in providing medical assistance to recipients.