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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Ronald Mariano

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 to ensure Massachusetts elderly citizens to be notified of health programs available to them. .

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Ronald Mariano	*3rd Norfolk*
Bruce J. Ayers	*1st Norfolk*

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By Mr. Mariano of Quincy, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 182) of Ronald Mariano and Bruce J. Ayers relative to the notification of persons over the age of sixty-five of the availability of certain health care programs. Elder Affairs.

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An Act to ensure Massachusetts elderly citizens to be notified of health programs available to them. .

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. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the executive office
2 of health and human services shall direct MassHealth to provide each beneficiary over the age of
3 65 with an annual notice of voluntary programs including Program of All Inclusive Care for the
4 Elderly (PACE) plans, Senior Care Options (SCO) plans, Frail Elder Home and Community
5 Based Waiver Program or any other voluntary elected benefit to which they are entitled to
6 supplement or replace their MassHealth benefits. Such notice shall include a method for the
7 beneficiary to indicate interest in for receiving additional information for any programs identified
8 as of interest to them. The same notice should be supplied to a beneficiary every time they are
9 subject to a redetermination of eligibility.

10 SECTION 2. The executive office of health and human services shall establish rules and
11 regulations upon the passage of this section on or before June 30, 2011.