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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jennifer L. Flanagan

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 provide equitable access to behavioral health for MassHealth consumers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Jennifer L. Flanagan	☐ *[District]* ☐
James B. Eldridge	☐ *[District]* ☐
Susan C. Fargo	☐ *[District]* ☐

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By Ms. Flanagan, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 504) of Jennifer L. Flanagan, James B. Eldridge and Susan C. Fargo for legislation to provide equitable access to behavorial health for MassHealth consumers. Health Care Financing.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

An Act to provide equitable access to behavioral health 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 is hereby amended by adding at the end of the ninth paragraph the following new sentence: "The Division shall ensure that all contracted health insurers, health plans, health maintenance organizations, and behavioral health management firms provide comparable access to behavioral health services in providing medical assistance to recipients".