

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1012**

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Nick Collins*

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 bill:

An Act to benefit the health safety net trust fund.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Nick Collins</i>	<i>4th Suffolk</i>
<i>Carlo Basile</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>
<i>Sarah K. Peake</i>	<i>4th Barnstable</i>
<i>Carlos Henriquez</i>	<i>5th Suffolk</i>
<i>Cleon H. Turner</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>
<i>Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>
<i>Benjamin Swan</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>Christine E. Canavan</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>9th Plymouth</i>
<i>Denise Andrews</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Frank A. Moran</i>	<i>17th Essex</i>
<i>Thomas P. Conroy</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>
<i>Martin J. Walsh</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>

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By Mr. Collins of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1012) of Nick Collins and others for legislation to increase the revenue available for health care provider payments . Health Care Financing.

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act to benefit the health safety net trust fund.

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

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

3 SECTION 1. The Center for Health Information and Analysis shall amend the Health  
4 Safety Net Payments and Funding regulations (114.6 CMR 14.00) in order to increase the  
5 revenue available for provider payments and to reduce the Health Safety Net fund’s shortfall  
6 amount. Such amendment shall:

7 a) Establish a new Large Physician Organizations Assessment that creates a \$20,000,000  
8 annual liability for independent physician organizations with more than 500 physician members.  
9 A physician organization - whether a parent physician group or a local practice group as defined  
10 by the Center for Health Information and Analysis - shall be considered independent, however  
11 organized, so long as such practice is owned and controlled by one or more of the practitioners  
12 so associated. Such independent physician organizations shall be exempt from liability for this  
13 new assessment if their percentage of gross billed charges for services reimbursed by the state  
14 Office of Medicaid is equal to or greater than 15% of their total gross billed charges for that  
15 fiscal year.

16 b) Ensure that such Large Physician Organizations who contribute to the Health Safety  
17 Net under subsection (a) are reimbursed for uncompensated care in a manner consistent with  
18 payments made to hospitals and community health centers under 114.6 CMR 14.00, the  
19 Massachusetts Section 1115 Demonstration Waiver governing safety net care, or any other  
20 federally required limit on payments under 42 U.S.C.1396a(a)(13) or 42 CFR 447.