

HOUSE No. 1088

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.

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 relative to prescription drug access.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>
<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>

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By Mr. Puppolo of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1088) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., José F. Tosado and Bud L. Williams relative to benchmarks for access for MassHealth and private health insurance. Financial Services.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to prescription drug access.

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 the provisions of Chapter 118, MassHealth shall not any
2 develop or employ a dollars per-quality adjusted life year, or similar measure that discounts the
3 value of a life because of an individual’s disability, as a threshold to establish what type of health
4 care is cost effective or recommended. MassHealth shall not utilize such an adjusted life year, or
5 such a similar measure, as a threshold to determine coverage, reimbursement, or incentive
6 programs.

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8 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 175, no health insurance carrier
9 shall develop or employ a dollars per-quality adjusted life year, or similar measure that discounts
10 the value of a life because of an individual’s disability, as a threshold to establish what type of
11 health care is cost effective or recommended. No health insurance carrier shall utilize such an

12 adjusted life year, or such a similar measure, as a threshold to determine coverage,
13 reimbursement, or incentive programs.

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15 SECTION 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 176A, no hospital service
16 corporation shall develop or employ a dollars per-quality adjusted life year, or similar measure
17 that discounts the value of a life because of an individual's disability, as a threshold to establish
18 what type of health care is cost effective or recommended. No hospital service corporation shall
19 utilize such an adjusted life year, or such a similar measure, as a threshold to determine
20 coverage, reimbursement, or incentive programs.

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22 SECTION 4. Notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 176B, no medical service
23 corporation shall develop or employ a dollars per-quality adjusted life year, or similar measure
24 that discounts the value of a life because of an individual's disability, as a threshold to establish
25 what type of health care is cost effective or recommended. No medical service corporation shall
26 utilize such an adjusted life year, or such a similar measure, as a threshold to determine
27 coverage, reimbursement, or incentive programs.

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29 SECTION 5. Notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 176G, no health maintenance
30 organization shall develop or employ a dollars per-quality adjusted life year, or similar measure
31 that discounts the value of a life because of an individual's disability, as a threshold to establish
32 what type of health care is cost effective or recommended. No health maintenance organization

- 33 shall utilize such an adjusted life year, or such a similar measure, as a threshold to determine
- 34 coverage, reimbursement, or incentive programs.