

HOUSE No. 1156

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kenneth I. Gordon

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 urgent care access for MassHealth enrollees.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Stephan Hay</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Randy Hunt</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>Lenny Mirra</i>	<i>2nd Essex</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1156) of Kenneth I. Gordon and others relative to urgent care access for MassHealth enrollees . Health Care Financing.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to urgent care access for MassHealth enrollees.

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. Chapter 118E is hereby amended by inserting after section 10L, inserted by
2 section 71 of chapter 208 of the acts of 2018 the following section:-

3 Section 10M. The division and its contracted health insurers, health plans, health
4 maintenance organizations, behavioral health management firms and third party administrators
5 under contract to a Medicaid managed care organization or primary care clinician plan shall not
6 require an enrollee to obtain a referral from a primary care physician prior to obtaining health
7 care services from an urgent care facility; provided , that any urgent care facility providing health
8 care services to an enrollee shall provide the enrollee with names of primary care physicians
9 contracted with MassHealth and practicing in the municipality of residence of the enrollee or an
10 adjacent municipality.