

HOUSE No. 1221

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

David Paul Linsky

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 ensuring protections for physicians and hospitals that contract with Medicaid managed care organizations.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/17/2023</i>

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By Representative Linsky of Natick, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1221) of David Paul Linsky relative to physicians and hospitals that contract with Medicaid managed care organizations. Health Care Financing.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1289 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act ensuring protections for physicians and hospitals that contract with Medicaid managed care organizations.

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. Section 12 of Chapter 118E of the General Laws, is hereby amended by
2 inserting after the last paragraph the following paragraph:-

3 Reimbursement from managed care organizations that contract with the executive office
4 for hospital and physician services provided to beneficiaries under this chapter shall be subject to
5 negotiation between providers of medical services and managed care organizations and shall not
6 be limited or determined through contracts between the executive office and managed care
7 organizations, including accountable care organizations and dual-eligible health plans.

8 SECTION 2. The last sentence of the first paragraph of Section 13E1/2 of Chapter 118E
9 of the General Laws, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “services” the following
10 words:-

11 provided further, that acute hospital and non-acute hospital reimbursement from managed
12 care organizations that contract with the executive office shall for health services provided to
13 beneficiaries under this chapter be subject to negotiation between those hospitals and managed
14 care organizations and shall not be limited or determined through contracts between the
15 executive office and managed care organizations, including accountable care organizations and
16 dual-eligible health plans.

17 SECTION 3. Section 13F of Chapter 118E of the General Laws, is hereby amended by
18 inserting after subsection c the following subsection:-

19 (d) the executive office shall not, in its contracts with acute hospitals and non-acute
20 hospitals or through any other rule or regulation, require hospitals to accept fee-for-service rates
21 established by the office of Medicaid for non-emergency services provided to beneficiaries
22 enrolled in managed care organizations including for accountable care organizations and dual-
23 eligible health plans. The office may require hospitals that are not in a managed care
24 organization’s provider network to accept fee-for-service rates established by the office for
25 emergency services only.