

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1240**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Ruth B. Balsler***

*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 to ensure MassHealth rate parity for behavioral health inpatient providers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/21/2021</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	<i>1/28/2021</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>2/17/2021</i>

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By Ms. Balsler of Newton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1240) of Ruth B. Balsler, Mindy Domb and Lindsay N. Sabadosa relative to MassHealth rate parity for behavioral health inpatient providers. Health Care Financing.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**

An Act to ensure MassHealth rate parity for behavioral health inpatient providers.

*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 13 of Chapter 118E is amended by adding the following “ Notwithstanding the  
2 foregoing the division shall ensure that its contracted health insurers, health plans, health  
3 maintenance organizations, behavioral health management firms and third party administrators  
4 under contract to a Medicaid managed care organization or primary care clinician plan shall  
5 reimburse all contracted inpatient behavioral health providers not less than the MassHealth  
6 contracted per diem rate for inpatient behavioral health care”