

HOUSE No. 1319

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Steven Ultrino and Marjorie C. Decker

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 regarding Medicare savings programs eligibility.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/16/2021</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/16/2021</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>	<i>2/16/2021</i>
<i>Adam J. Scanlon</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>2/17/2021</i>
<i>Peter Capano</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>	<i>2/17/2021</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>2/17/2021</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>2/17/2021</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/17/2021</i>
<i>John Barrett, III</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>	<i>2/17/2021</i>
<i>Steven C. Owens</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/17/2021</i>
<i>Jacob R. Oliveira</i>	<i>7th Hampden</i>	<i>2/17/2021</i>
<i>Daniel Cahill</i>	<i>10th Essex</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>
<i>Orlando Ramos</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>	<i>2/20/2021</i>
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Paul J. Donato</i>	<i>35th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Jessica Ann Giannino</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/23/2021</i>

<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Maria Duaine Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Christopher Hendricks</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Kate Lipper-Garabedian</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Brandy Fluker Oakley</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Andres X. Vargas</i>	<i>3rd Essex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Danillo A. Sena</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Jon Santiago</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Thomas P. Walsh</i>	<i>12th Essex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Edward F. Coppinger</i>	<i>10th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/11/2021</i>
<i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>	<i>3/5/2021</i>
<i>Patricia A. Haddad</i>	<i>5th Bristol</i>	<i>3/3/2021</i>
<i>Adrian C. Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>	<i>3/3/2021</i>
<i>Carlos González</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>	<i>3/11/2021</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>	<i>3/11/2021</i>
<i>Gerard J. Cassidy</i>	<i>9th Plymouth</i>	<i>3/11/2021</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>	<i>3/11/2021</i>
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/11/2021</i>
<i>Kathleen R. LaNatra</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>	<i>3/11/2021</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>3/11/2021</i>
<i>Russell E. Holmes</i>	<i>6th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/12/2021</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>3/12/2021</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>3/12/2021</i>
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>	<i>3/15/2021</i>
<i>Patricia A. Duffy</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>	<i>3/15/2021</i>
<i>Michael J. Finn</i>	<i>6th Hampden</i>	<i>3/15/2021</i>

<i>Carol A. Doherty</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>3/29/2021</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>	<i>4/1/2021</i>
<i>Chynah Tyler</i>	<i>7th Suffolk</i>	<i>4/5/2021</i>
<i>Erika Uytterhoeven</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/7/2021</i>
<i>Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>4th Berkshire</i>	<i>4/7/2021</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/8/2021</i>

HOUSE No. 1319

By Representatives Ultrino of Malden and Decker of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1319) of Steven Ultrino, Marjorie C. Decker and others relative to Medicare savings programs eligibility. Health Care Financing.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1199 OF 2019-2020.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act regarding Medicare savings programs eligibility.

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 25A of Chapter 118E of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 replacing Section 25A with the following section:-

3 SECTION 25A. The division shall disregard income in an amount equivalent to sixty-
4 five percent of the federal poverty level, as adjusted annually, in determining eligibility for the
5 Qualified Medicare Beneficiary, Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary and Qualified
6 Individual programs, described in 42 U.S.C. §1396(a)(10)(E) and also known as the Medicare
7 Savings or Medicare Buy-In Programs in accordance with the following schedule or such earlier
8 date as the division determines to be feasible: In the year in which the state plan amendment is
9 approved, the division shall disregard income in an amount equivalent to forty-five percent

10 (45%) of the federal poverty level; in the following year the division shall disregard income in an
11 amount equivalent to sixty-five percent (65%) of the federal poverty level.

12 The division shall implement a waiting list in any year in which the number of qualified
13 applicants for the Qualified Individual Program exceeds the annual block grant amount for said
14 program. The division shall not apply an asset test in determining eligibility for said Medicare
15 Savings Programs. The division shall submit a state plan amendment to implement this section
16 no later than 30 days after the effective date of this section and subsequently promulgate all
17 regulations necessary to implement said income and asset disregards.