

HOUSE No. 4528

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 24, 2018.

The committee on Health Care Financing to whom were referred the Bill providing for insurance coverage for vision screening for children (House, No. 81); the Bill relative to health disparities council (House, No. 86); the Bill to establish an office of youth development (House, No. 122); the Bill relative to medical physics (House, No. 151); the Bill relative to the disclosure of toxic chemicals in children's products (House, No. 439); the Bill relative to Medicaid (House, No. 508); the Bill relative to greater fairness in insurance (House, No. 510); the Bill to clarify comparable health care coverage (House, No. 642); the Bill relative to needle stick injuries suffered by first responders (House, No. 998); the Bill relative to creating a pilot program to transfer high acuity behavioral health and dual diagnosis patients away from overcrowded emergency departments (House, No. 1064); the Bill relative to creating intensive stabilization and treatment units within the Department of Mental Health (House, No. 1065); the Bill to provide more timely treatment of inpatient mental health care (House, No. 1071); the Bill relative to mental health and substance abuse treatment facilities (House, No. 1075); the Bill relative to the classification of certain controlled substances (House, No. 1076); the Bill to ensure patient medication adherence (House, No. 1140); the Bill requiring pain assessment and management in healthcare facilities (House, No. 1181); the Bill to protect sports medicine professionals (House, No. 1183); the Bill creating a nursing advisory board (House, No. 1184); the Bill relative to home health and hospice aides (House, No. 1187); the Bill relative to nurse licensure compact in Massachusetts (House, No. 1188); the Bill recognizing pharmacists as healthcare providers (House, No. 1214); the Bill relative to the restoration of MassHealth adult dental benefits (House, No. 1225); the Bill establishing a commission to study post-traumatic stress disorder in law enforcement officers (House, No. 1255); the Bill relative to the governance of the Health Policy

Commission (House, No. 1681); the Resolve to re-establish the Brain Injury Commission (House, No. 1956); the Bill relative to the protection of children (House, No. 1963); the Bill establishing a dentist diversion program (House, No. 1980); the Bill providing for the licensing of applied behavior analysts (House, No. 1998); the Bill relative to best management practices for wireless in schools and public institutions of higher education (House, No. 2030); the Bill relative to the safe care of residents with active substance use disorder accessing skilled nursing facility care (House, No. 2073); the Bill to ensure appropriate regulation of piggeries (House, No. 2114); the Bill relative to addiction training (House, No. 2400); the Bill to protect children's mental health services (House, No. 2403); the Bill to promote accessibility and affordability of behavioral health and substance abuse services for recipients of MassHealth (House, No. 2405); the Bill to require equitable payment from the Commonwealth (House, No. 2407); the Bill relative to medical peer review (House, No. 2439); the Bill relative to protecting senior health (House, No. 2440); the Bill relative to firefighters (House, No. 2447); the Bill relating to liability protection for disaster volunteers (House, No. 2457); the Bill relative to improving asthma in schools (House, No. 2475); the Bill providing for mental wellness training for police officers (House, No. 2496); the Bill relative to students of chiropractic (House, No. 2809); the Bill relative to the safety of autistic and Alzheimer individuals (House, No. 2955); the Bill relative to psychotropic medication (House, No. 3204); the Bill relative to providing appropriate medical care for persons in mental health facilities (House, No. 3208); the Bill relative to methadone clinic zoning (House, No. 3214); the Bill to establish a children's vision screening registry (House, No. 3224); the Bill to review the quality and patient safety of dispensing certain cancer and chronic disease related drugs (House, No. 3242); the Bill relative to the Children's Behavioral Health Initiative (House, No. 3463); the Bill relative to improving mental health care through innovation (House, No. 3595); the Bill relative to the welfare of children (House, No. 3607); the Bill relative to public safety (House, No. 3608); the Bill relative to the tracking and testing of sexual assault kits (House, No. 3614); the Bill to ensure the public health and safety of patient and consumer access to medical and adult use of marijuana in the Commonwealth (House, No. 3751); the Bill relative to enhancing public transparency to support quality care outcomes in all child serving organizations (House, No. 3801); the Bill relative to early intervention services for children with prenatal exposure to opioids (House, No. 3847); the Bill relative to emergency stock supply of epinephrine in schools

(House, No. 4130); the Bill to amend the lead law to include water piping (House, No. 4282); the Bill relative to PACE programs and nurse pronouncement (House, No. 4361); the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 592) of Ruth B. Balsler and others for legislation to ensure affordable health connector coverage; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 594) of Jennifer E. Benson and others that the Office of Medicaid be directed to establish a bundled payment pilot program; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 595) of Jennifer E. Benson and others relative to the Health Safety Net Trust Fund; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 598) of Claire D. Cronin, Sean Garballey and others for legislation to ensure continued health insurance coverage for children; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 599) of Claire D. Cronin and Brian M. Ashe relative to contracts required by health care organizations; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 600) of Daniel Cullinane for legislation to reduce prescription drug abuse testing and fraud prevention; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 602) of Josh S. Cutler and others relative to hospital profit transparency and fairness and the establishment of a Medicaid reimbursement enhancement fund; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 603) of Michael S. Day for legislation relative to shared responsibility for funding of health care oversight agencies; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 604) of Michelle M. DuBois relative to MassHealth rates; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 605) of William C. Galvin for legislation to encourage quality reviews and reduce costs in health care; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 606) of Colleen M. Garry relative to MassHealth coverage for self-inflicted injuries received by protestors during illegal protests; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 609) of Kevin G. Honan and others relative to health care cost accountability; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 611) of Kevin G. Honan for legislation updating MassHealth reimbursement rates for chronic disease and rehabilitation hospitals; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 612) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to copayments for MassHealth members; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 613) of Louis L. Kafka, Paul McMurtry and Harriette L. Chandler relative to public health dental hygienists; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 614) of Stephen Kulik relative to administering national standards to Medicaid medical necessity reviews; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 616) of David Paul Linsky, James J. O'Day and others relative

to protections for hospitals that contract with Medicaid managed care organizations; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 618) of David M. Nangle for legislation to strengthen health care provider market impact reviews; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 621) of Denise Provost and others for legislation to require the Department of Public Health to update regulations governing licensed health care facilities with requirements relative to the federal standards for accessible medical equipment; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 623) of Jeffrey Sánchez, Harriette L. Chandler and Denise Provost for legislation to direct MassHealth to fully implement consumer choice of physician assistant services; the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 625) of Todd M. Smola for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to chronic disease care self-management; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 626) of Chris Walsh, Kay Khan and Michael O. Moore relative to health insurance penalties for residents living in a foreign country; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2211) of Tackey Chan for legislation to reduce the liability of acute hospitals relative to the Health Safety Net Trust Fund; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2212) of Mark J. Cusack relative to health insurance consumer protections; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2213) of Tricia Farley-Bouvier and others relative to the reimbursement rates for out-of-state providers that contract with MassHealth; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2214) of Thomas A. Golden, Jr., and others for legislation to provide insurance coverage for chemical dependency, including alcoholism, within the Division of Medical Assistance; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2216) of Elizabeth A. Malia and others for legislation to provide for primary and preventative health care services for certain children; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2220) of Harold P. Naughton, Jr., relative to MassHealth benefits for certain single individuals; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2221) of James J. O'Day and others relative to oral health access for MassHealth patients; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2222) of Jeffrey Sánchez, Carmine L. Gentile and Elizabeth A. Malia relative to preventing unnecessary medical debt through hospital and affiliate charity care policies; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2223) of Angelo M. Scaccia and others relative to annual rate adjustments for certain inpatient behavioral health providers; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2224) of Theodore C. Speliotis relative to patient co-payment rates for care provided by physician assistants and nurse practitioners; the petition

(accompanied by bill, House, No. 2981) of Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr., and others for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) of the billing practices between contracted health care providers and MassHealth; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2982) of Paul Brodeur relative to confidential information in health care; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2984) of Michael J. Finn and others relative to reimbursement rates to disproportionate share hospitals ; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2989) of Kevin J. Kuros and Paul K. Frost for an investigation by a special commission to study lower-cost transportation solutions for MassHealth patients; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2991) of John J. Lawn, Jr., relative to expanding the moral obligation bond program to nonprofit acute care hospitals; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2993) of John W. Scibak relative to increasing the membership of the Health Care Workforce Advisory Council; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3489) of James J. Lyons, Jr., and others relative to Medicaid fees; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3502) of Thomas A. Golden, Jr., and others relative to notification of changes to flexible spending accounts, reports recommending the accompanying order (House, No. 4528) ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

JEFFREY N. ROY.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



House of Representatives, May 24, 2018.

1 *Ordered,* That the committee on Health Care Financing be authorized to sit during a
2 recess of the General Court to make an investigation and study of House documents numbered
3 81, 86, 122, 151, 439, 508, 510, 592, 594, 595, 598, 599, 600, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 609, 611,
4 612, 613, 614, 616, 618, 621, 623, 625, 626, 642, 998, 1064, 1065, 1071, 1075, 1076, 1140,
5 1181, 1183, 1184, 1187, 1188, 1214, 1225, 1255, 1681, 1956, 1963, 1980, 1998, 2030, 2073,
6 2114, 2211, 2212, 2213, 2214, 2216, 2220, 2221, 2222, 2223, 2224, 2400, 2403, 2405, 2407,
7 2439, 2440, 2447, 2457, 2475, 2496, 2809, 2955, 2981, 2982, 2984, 2989, 2991, 2993, 3204,
8 3208, 3214, 3224, 3242, 3463, 3489, 3502, 3595, 3607, 3608, 3614, 3751, 3801, 3847, 4130,
9 4282 and 4361, relative to the financing and delivery of health care in the Commonwealth.

10 Said committee shall report to the General Court the results of its investigation and study
11 and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such
12 recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the Clerk of the House of Representatives
13 on or before December 31, 2018.