

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 587**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Chris Walsh*

*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 require written notice of medical tests outside a patient’s network for insurance purposes.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jack Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Michael S. Day</i>	<i>31st Middlesex</i>
<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>

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By Mr. Walsh of Framingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 587) of Chris Walsh and others for legislation to require written notice of medical tests outside a patient’s network for insurance purposes. Financial Services.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3731 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act to require written notice of medical tests outside a patient’s network for insurance purposes.

*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.

2           Any physician or physician practice manager within a patient’s network for insurance  
3 purposes, that orders tests, procedures, or lab work which will be conducted outside the  
4 physician’s office or specific practice, shall be required to notify the patient in writing prior to  
5 said test whether the tests, procedures, or lab work will be conducted by a facility outside the  
6 patient’s network for insurance purposes.