

HOUSE No. 629

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Danielle W. Gregoire

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 improve Alzheimer's' and dementia care in senior care options programs.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/17/2023</i>
<i>Michael J. Barrett</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2023</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/9/2023</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/9/2023</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/9/2023</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/9/2023</i>
<i>Tackey Chan</i>	<i>2nd Norfolk</i>	<i>2/9/2023</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/15/2023</i>
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>	<i>2/15/2023</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/15/2023</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>2/15/2023</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>2/15/2023</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	<i>2/15/2023</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>	<i>2/15/2023</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>2/15/2023</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/15/2023</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>2/15/2023</i>
<i>James C. Arena-DeRosa</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/15/2023</i>

<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>2/15/2023</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/15/2023</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/15/2023</i>
<i>William C. Galvin</i>	<i>6th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/15/2023</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>	<i>2/15/2023</i>
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/15/2023</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/15/2023</i>
<i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>	<i>2/21/2023</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>2/21/2023</i>
<i>Margaret R. Scarsdale</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>	<i>2/21/2023</i>
<i>John Barrett, III</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>	<i>2/21/2023</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>2/21/2023</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/21/2023</i>
<i>Danillo A. Sena</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/21/2023</i>
<i>Carol A. Doherty</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>2/21/2023</i>

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By Representative Gregoire of Marlborough, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 629) of Danielle W. Gregoire and others for legislation to improve Alzheimer's and dementia care in senior care options programs. Elder Affairs.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 739 OF 2021-2022.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act to improve Alzheimer's' and dementia care in senior care options programs.

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. Chapter 118E of the general laws is hereby amended by adding the
2 following new section:

3 Section 78.

4 (a) Definition: "Dementia Care Coordination", a proactive care consultation service.

5 (b) To ensure that members of Senior Care Options (SCOs) plans receive cost effective,
6 quality dementia care, MassHealth shall require that all Massachusetts Senior Care Options plans
7 provide Dementia Care Coordination (DCC) to SCO members that have been diagnosed with
8 Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

9 Upon a referral from a clinician, a patient with dementia and their care consultant will
10 receive an outgoing call from a trained clinician, who shall provide care consultation services to
11 the family, resulting in an individualized family care plan and a companion summary to the
12 referring clinician for inclusion in the permanent medical record.

13 The Care Plan shall provide guidance in dementia caregiving strategies, including
14 symptom management strategies, communication techniques, legal and financial issues, safety
15 recommendations, and referrals to appropriate community support services.

16 (c) In order to meet the requirements of this Section, SCO plans may contract with
17 community partners, or directly provide DCC services to their members.