

HOUSE No. 739

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>2/8/2021</i>
<i>Jessica Ann Giannino</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/11/2021</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>2/12/2021</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/12/2021</i>
<i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/16/2021</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>2/17/2021</i>
<i>James M. Murphy</i>	<i>4th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Michael J. Barrett</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>William C. Galvin</i>	<i>6th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Danillo A. Sena</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/8/2021</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>3/22/2021</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	<i>3/22/2021</i>

<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/22/2021</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>3/22/2021</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>3/22/2021</i>
<i>Frank A. Moran</i>	<i>17th Essex</i>	<i>3/22/2021</i>
<i>Kathleen R. LaNatra</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>	<i>3/22/2021</i>
<i>Adam J. Scanlon</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>3/22/2021</i>
<i>Adrian C. Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>	<i>3/22/2021</i>
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>	<i>3/22/2021</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>	<i>3/22/2021</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>3/22/2021</i>
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/22/2021</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>	<i>3/22/2021</i>
<i>Christopher Hendricks</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>	<i>3/22/2021</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>	<i>3/22/2021</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>3/22/2021</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>	<i>3/22/2021</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>	<i>4/2/2021</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>4/2/2021</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>4/2/2021</i>
<i>Tackey Chan</i>	<i>2nd Norfolk</i>	<i>4/2/2021</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>	<i>4/2/2021</i>
<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>	<i>4/2/2021</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>4/2/2021</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/7/2021</i>

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By Miss Gregoire of Marlborough, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 739) 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. 614 OF 2019-2020.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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.