HOUSE No. 922

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

David M. Nangle

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 relative to physical therapy.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
David M. Nangle	17th Middlesex
Carolyn C. Dykema	8th Middlesex

HOUSE No. 922

By Mr. Nangle of Lowell, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 922) of David M. Nangle and Carolyn C. Dykema relative to insurance payments of physical therapy. Financial Services.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court (2015-2016)

An Act relative to physical therapy.

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 175 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the
- 2 following new section:-
- 3 Section 226. Physical Therapy Payments
- 4 (a) An insurer shall not impose a copayment, coinsurance, or office visit deductible
- 5 amount charged to the insured for services rendered for each date of service by a physical
- 6 therapist licensed under section 23B of chapter 112 that is greater than the copayment,
- 7 coinsurance, or office visit deductible amount charged to the insured for the services of a primary
- 8 care physician or an osteopath licensed under under section 2 of Chapter 112 for an office visit
- 9 (b) An insurer shall state clearly the availability of physical therapy coverage under its
- 10 plan and all related limitations, conditions, and exclusions.