

SENATE No. 00423

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jennifer L. Flanagan

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to reducing the cost of health care.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Jennifer L. Flanagan

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Worcester and Middlesex

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By Ms. Flanagan, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 423) of Flanagan for legislation to reduce the cost of health care [Joint Committee on Financial Services].

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven
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An Act relative to reducing the cost of health care.

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 10 of chapter 176O of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:-

3 (d) Notwithstanding any provision of any individual or group policy or accident and
4 health insurance, or any provision of a policy, contract, plan or agreement for hospital or medical
5 service or indemnity, wherever such policy, contract, plan or agreement provides for
6 reimbursement for any service which is in the lawful scope of practice of a duly licensed
7 physician, dentist, psychologist, podiatrist, osteopath, optometrist, chiropractor or other health
8 care provider, the person entitled to benefits or the person performing services under the policy,
9 contract, plan or agreement shall be entitled to reimbursement at an equitable and the lowest rate
10 for such service, whether the service is performed by a physician, dentist, psychologist,
11 podiatrist, osteopath, optometrist, chiropractor or other health care provider duly licensed under
12 the laws of the commonwealth.