

**SENATE . . . . . No. 00462**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Michael J. Rodrigues***

*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 establishing benefits for services rendered by pharmacists acting under a collaborative practice agreement.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Michael J. Rodrigues</i>	<i>First Bristol and Plymouth</i>
<i>Susan C. Fargo</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>
<i>Michael R. Knapik</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>7th Norfolk</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>
<i>Cory Atkins</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Rodrigues, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 462) of Fargo, Barrows, Timilty and other members of the General Court for legislation to establish benefits for services rendered by pharmacists acting under a collaborative practice agreement [Joint Committee on Financial Services].

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act establishing benefits for services rendered by pharmacists acting under a collaborative practice agreement.

*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. The definition “Health care provider” in section 1 of chapter 111 is of the  
2 General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the  
3 words “registered nurse,” the following word:- pharmacist.

4 SECTION 2. Chapter 175 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the  
5 following section:

6 Section 47AA. Registered Pharmacists Service Benefits

7 Any blanket or general policy of insurance described in subdivision (A), (C), or (D) of section  
8 one hundred and ten which is issued or subsequently renewed by agreement between the insurer  
9 and the policyholder, within or without the commonwealth, during the period this provision is

10 effective, or any policy of accident and sickness insurance as described in section one hundred  
11 and eight which provides hospital expense and surgical expense insurance and which is delivered  
12 or issued for delivery or subsequently renewed by agreement between the insurer and the  
13 policyholder in the commonwealth during the period that this provision is effective shall provide  
14 benefits for services of a registered pharmacist, acting under the authority of a collaborative  
15 practice agreement as defined in section twenty-four B and one half of chapter one hundred and  
16 twelve; provided, however, that expenses for such services are reimbursed when such services  
17 are performed by any other duly licensed practitioner.

18           SECTION 3. The first paragraph of section 4 of chapter 176G is hereby amended by  
19 inserting, after the seventh sentence, the following sentence:- Such health maintenance contract  
20 shall also provide coverage for services rendered by a registered pharmacist as set forth in  
21 section twenty-four B and one half of chapter one hundred and twelve.