

SENATE No. 514

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Thomas P. Kennedy

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 requiring reimbursement for the costs of providing competent interpreter services.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Thomas P. Kennedy</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Kennedy, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 514) of Thomas P. Kennedy and Ruth B. Balsler for legislation to require reimbursement for the costs of providing competent interpreter services. Financial Services.

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

An Act requiring reimbursement for the costs of providing competent interpreter services.

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. Section 13F of Chapter 118E of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 adding at the end of the first paragraph the following sentence: Provided however, the costs of
3 providing competent interpreter services through sign and spoken languages by facilities licensed
4 under section 19 of chapter 19 of the general laws or Section 51 of Chapter 111 of the general
5 laws, shall be recognized and separately reimbursed by the division and its contracted health
6 insurers, health plans, health maintenance organizations, behavioral health management firms
7 and third party contractors under contract to a division managed care organization or primary
8 care clinician program.

9 SECTION 2: Notwithstanding any general or special law, rule or regulation to the
10 contrary, Carriers as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 176O and their contractors, shall recognize
11 and separately reimburse facilities licensed under section 19 of Chapter 19 of the general laws or

- 12 Section 51 of Chapter 111 of the general laws for the costs of providing competent interpreter
- 13 services through sign and spoken languages.