

**SENATE . . . . . No. 00535**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Richard T. Moore***

*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 requiring MassHealth to provide an explanation of benefits to beneficiaries.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Richard T. Moore</i>	<i>Worcester and Norfolk</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Moore, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 535) of Dwyer, Moore, Tarr and other members of the General Court for legislation to require MassHealth to provide an explanation of benefits to beneficiaries [Joint Committee on Health Care Financing].

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven  
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An Act requiring MassHealth to provide an explanation of benefits to beneficiaries.

*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 8 of chapter 118E of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out subparagraph b<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> and inserting in place  
3 thereof the following 2 subparagraphs:-

4 b<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>. “Explanation of benefits”, a form, statement, or document sent to an insurance enrollee  
5 explaining what medical treatment or services were provided, amounts to be billed to the insurer  
6 and the enrollee, and payments made on each claim.

7 b<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>. “Institution”, a licensed hospital, nursing home or public medical institution that meets the  
8 requirements of the secretary.

9           SECTION 2. Said chapter 118E is hereby amended by inserting after said section 8  
10 the following section:-

11 Section 8 1/2. The division shall provide an explanation of benefits to any person who receives  
12 medical or dental care under this chapter. Each explanation of benefits shall include a printed  
13 statement requesting that the recipient of Medicaid benefits review the explanation of benefits  
14 and notify the MassHealth fraud hotline of any discrepancy in payment for services that may not  
15 have been provided. The statement shall provide the phone number for the MassHealth fraud  
16 hotline and state that the recipient of Medicaid benefits who has reported an adjudicated claim of  
17 fraud shall be granted a cash award to be determined by the division. The division shall establish  
18 by regulation the amount of award that a recipient of benefits under this chapter shall receive for  
19 an adjudicated claim.