

SENATE No. 578

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James B. Eldridge

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 mental health certified peer specialists.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Barbara L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>

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By Mr. Eldridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 578) of James B. Eldridge, Paul R. Heroux, Marjorie C. Decker, Barbara L'Italien and others for legislation to require MassHealth to cover certified peer specialist services. Health Care Financing.

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

An Act relative to mental health certified peer specialists.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 118E of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 10B the
2 following section:-

3 Section 10B ½. The division shall, to the extent permitted by Title XIX or other federal
4 authority, provide medical assistance to cover mental health certified peers specialists services,
5 provided that said certified peer specialist has completed training as certified by the department
6 of mental health.