

SENATE No. 711

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Mark C. Montigny

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 coverage for chronic illness.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | |
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| <i>Mark C. Montigny</i> | <i>Second Bristol and Plymouth</i> | |
| <i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i> | <i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i> | <i>1/29/2019</i> |

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By Mr. Montigny, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 711) of Mark C. Montigny and Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation relative to coverage for chronic illness. Health Care Financing.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 653 OF 2017-2018.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to coverage for chronic illness.

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 84 of Chapter 58 of the Acts of 2006 is amended by inserting after
2 subsection (d) the following new subsection:-

3 (e), notwithstanding any General or Special Law no carrier shall be permitted to charge a
4 co-payment or deductible for any prescriptions or devices that are prescribed by a physician that
5 are necessary for the treatment or maintenance of a chronic disease, illness or condition. The
6 department of public health shall adopt regulations further defining a chronic disease, illness or
7 condition.