

**SENATE . . . . . No. 784**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Mark C. Montigny***

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*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.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Mark C. Montigny*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Second Bristol and Plymouth*

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By Mr. Montigny, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 784) of Mark C. Montigny for legislation relative to coverage for chronic illness. Health Care Financing.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 803 OF 2021-2022.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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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. Chapter 176J of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 14 the following new section:-

3 Section 14A. No carrier shall charge a co-payment or deductible for any prescriptions or  
4 devices that are prescribed by a physician and are necessary for the treatment or maintenance of  
5 a chronic disease, illness or condition. The department of public health shall adopt regulations  
6 further defining a chronic disease, illness or condition for purposes of this section.