

HOUSE No. 1160

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Natalie M. Higgins

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 behavioral health emergency services.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>

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By Ms. Higgins of Leominster, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1160) of Natalie M. Higgins and others relative to behavioral health emergency services for MassHealth members. Health Care Financing.

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

An Act relative to behavioral health emergency 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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the so-called
2 Medicaid managed care organizations and any entity with whom they contract to manage
3 behavioral health benefits for MassHealth members, shall pay to organizations providing
4 emergency services on behalf of the commonwealth through contracts with the Massachusetts
5 Behavioral Health Partnership, the same rates for adult emergency and crisis services that the
6 Massachusetts Behavioral Health Partnership paid for emergency services as of January 1, 2018
7 in the following settings: Hospital-based; community-based; mobile response; and community
8 crisis stabilization.