

HOUSE No. 1170

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Natalie M. Blais

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 to promote primary care through Medicaid graduate medical education funding.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Natalie M. Blais</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>	<i>1/19/2023</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/25/2023</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>2/22/2023</i>

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By Representative Blais of Deerfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1170) of Natalie M. Blais and others for legislation to promote primary care through Medicaid graduate medical education funding. Health Care Financing.

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)

An Act to promote primary care through Medicaid graduate medical education funding.

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 118E of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting at the
2 end thereof the following new section:-

3 Section 80. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the executive
4 office shall include in its reimbursement rates to qualifying acute care hospitals for graduate
5 medical education in primary care, behavioral health, and other physician residency training in
6 fields experiencing physician shortages, as determined by the secretary. Payments for graduate
7 medical education shall be based on the Medicare direct graduate medical education
8 methodology, Section 1886(h) of the Social Security Act, as implemented by 42 CFR 413.75
9 through 42 CFR 413.83 taking into consideration MassHealth utilization and primary care,
10 behavioral health, and other physician residents in fields identified by the executive office

11 (b) No later than July 1, 2024, the secretary, in consultation with the executive office of
12 administration and finance, shall identify an adequate amount of annual Medicaid graduate

13 medical education funding necessary to fulfill the requirements of this section, as well as state
14 and other funding sources for use for graduate medical education expenditures. The secretary
15 shall report its recommendations to the joint committee on healthcare finance and committees on
16 ways and means.

17 (c) The first annual payment to qualifying acute care hospitals and community health
18 centers under this section must be made no later than October 1, 2025.