

HOUSE No. 2148

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kathi-Anne Reinstein

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act Regarding MassHealth Applications.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Kathi-Anne Reinstein	16th Suffolk
Louis L. Kafka	8th Norfolk
Patricia D. Jehlen	Second Middlesex
Todd M. Smola	1st Hampden
Steven J. D'Amico	4th Bristol
Robert L. Rice, Jr.	2nd Worcester
John D. Keenan	7th Essex
Kevin Aguiar	7th Bristol
Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.	26th Middlesex
Mary E. Grant	6th Essex

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT REGARDING MASSHEALTH APPLICATIONS.

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 9 of chapter 118e of the general laws, as amended by chapter 211 of the acts of 2006, is
2 hereby amended by inserting, after the words "long-term care needs of the individuals," the following:-
3 The division shall provide, without requiring prior authorization, for up to sixty (60) days of eligibility for
4 masshealth home and community based services, including personal care services, for individuals who, upon
5 discharge from an acute hospital, medical center, nursing facility, or health care facility including rehabilitation
6 facilities and state hospitals, are presumed to be financially eligible for the masshealth program and
7 clinically eligible for home and community based services, as determined by an aging services access point or
8 an independent living center; provided further the division shall promulgate such standards and regulations
9 as may be necessary for the administration of said presumptive eligibility program.