

SENATE No. 1101

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John F. Keenan

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 improving access to naloxone.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>John F. Keenan</i>	<i>Norfolk and Plymouth</i>	
<i>Eric P. Lesser</i>	<i>First Hampden and Hampshire</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>

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By Mr. Keenan, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1101) of John F. Keenan and Eric P. Lesser for legislation to improve access to naloxone. Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act improving access to naloxone.

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 19B of chapter 94C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after subsection (d) the following new
3 subsection:-

4 (d^{1/2}) A pharmacist or designee dispensing an opioid antagonist pursuant to this section
5 shall, for the purposes of health insurance billing and cost-sharing, treat the transaction as the
6 dispensing of a prescription to the person purchasing the drug regardless of the stated or potential
7 end user. Prior to dispensing the opioid antagonist, the pharmacist or designee shall make a
8 reasonable effort to identify the purchaser’s insurance coverage, and to submit a claim for the
9 opioid antagonist to the insurance carrier at the time of purchase.

10 SECTION 2. Section 19C of Chapter 94C of the General Laws, as inserted by chapter 46
11 of the Acts of 2015, is hereby amended by inserting after the words “as defined in section 19B”,

- 12 the following:- “, and to establish the procedures and protocols described in said section 19B for
- 13 the dispensing of opioid antagonists”