

**SENATE . . . . . No. 01893**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Jennifer L. Flanagan*

*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 relative to behavioral health emergency services. .

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Jennifer L. Flanagan*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Worcester and Middlesex*

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By Ms. Flanagan, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jennifer L. Flanagan for legislation relative to behavioral emergency services. Health Care Financing.

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven  
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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, 2010  
7 in the following settings: Hospital-based; community-based; mobile response; and community  
8 crisis stabilization.