

**SENATE . . . . . No. 383**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Jason M. Lewis***

*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 improve Alzheimer's and dementia care in Senior Care Options programs.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	
<i>Michael J. Barrett</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/7/2023</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>2/10/2023</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/10/2023</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>2/10/2023</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>	<i>2/10/2023</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>2/13/2023</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>2/13/2023</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>	<i>2/14/2023</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>2/15/2023</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>2/17/2023</i>
<i>Danillo A. Sena</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/21/2023</i>

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By Mr. Lewis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 383) of Jason M. Lewis, Michael J. Barrett, Vanna Howard, Brian M. Ashe and other members of the General Court for legislation to improve Alzheimer's and dementia care in Senior Care Options program. Elder Affairs.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 415 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act to improve Alzheimer's and dementia care in Senior Care Options programs.

*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 adding the  
2 following new section:

3 Section 78. (a) Definition: “Dementia Care Coordination”, a proactive care consultation  
4 service.

5 (b) To ensure that members of Senior Care Options (SCOs) plans receive cost effective,  
6 quality dementia care, MassHealth shall require that all Massachusetts Senior Care Options plans  
7 provide Dementia Care Coordination (DCC) to SCO members that have been diagnosed with  
8 Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias.

9           Upon a referral from a clinician, a patient with dementia and their care consultant will  
10 receive an outgoing call from a trained clinician, who shall provide care consultation services to  
11 the family, resulting in an individualized family care plan and a companion summary to the  
12 referring clinician for inclusion in the permanent medical record.

13           The Care Plan shall provide guidance in dementia caregiving strategies, including  
14 symptom management strategies, communication techniques, legal and financial issues, safety  
15 recommendations, and referrals to appropriate community support services.

16           (c ) In order to meet the requirements of this Section, SCO plans may contract with  
17 community partners, or directly provide DCC services to their members.