

SENATE No. 415

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 program.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
Jason M. Lewis	Fifth Middlesex	
Michael J. Barrett	Third Middlesex	2/25/2021
John H. Rogers	12th Norfolk	3/1/2021
James B. Eldridge	Middlesex and Worcester	3/8/2021
Susan L. Moran	Plymouth and Barnstable	3/15/2021
Hannah Kane	11th Worcester	3/15/2021
Brian M. Ashe	2nd Hampden	3/18/2021
Mathew J. Muratore	1st Plymouth	3/18/2021
Adam J. Scanlon	14th Bristol	3/18/2021
Patrick M. O'Connor	Plymouth and Norfolk	3/23/2021
Susan Williams Gifford	2nd Plymouth	3/23/2021
Bruce E. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex	3/25/2021
Michael D. Brady	Second Plymouth and Bristol	3/25/2021
Sal N. DiDomenico	Middlesex and Suffolk	4/7/2021
Brendan P. Crighton	Third Essex	4/7/2021
Jack Patrick Lewis	7th Middlesex	4/7/2021

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By Mr. Lewis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 415) of Jason M. Lewis, Michael J. Barrett, John H. Rogers, James B. Eldridge and other members of the General Court for legislation to improve Alzheimer's and dementia care in Senior Care Options program. Elder Affairs.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 367 OF 2019-2020.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**
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An Act to improve Alzheimer's and dementia care in Senior Care Options program.

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.