

SENATE No. 507

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Mr. Pacheco

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 reducing the cost of health care through parity for the same services.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Mr. Pacheco

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Plymouth and Bristol

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. S00627 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO REDUCING THE COST OF HEALTH CARE THROUGH PARITY FOR
THE SAME 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. Section 10 of chapter 176O of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended, by inserting the following new subsection at the end thereof:

3 (d) Notwithstanding any provision of any individual or group policy or accident and health insurance,
4 or any provision of a policy, contract, plan or agreement for hospital or medical service or indemnity,
5 wherever such policy, contract, plan or agreement provides for reimbursement for any service which is in
6 the lawful scope of practice of a duly licensed physician, dentist, psychologist, podiatrist, osteopath,
7 optometrist, chiropractor or other health care provider, the person entitled to benefits or the person
8 performing services under the policy, contract, plan or agreement shall be entitled to reimbursement at an
9 equitable and the lowest rate for such service, whether the service is performed by a physician, dentist,
10 psychologist, podiatrist, osteopath, optometrist, chiropractor or other health care provider duly licensed
11 under the laws of this commonwealth.