

**SENATE . . . . . No. 556**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Joan B. Lovely*

*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 relative to medication synchronization.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	
<i>John W. Scibak</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>	<i>1/30/2017</i>

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By Ms. Lovely, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 556) of Joan B. Lovely and John W. Scibak for legislation relative to medication synchronization. Financial Services.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act relative to medication synchronization.

*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. An individual or group health insurance policy providing prescription drug  
2 coverage in the state must permit and apply a pro-rated daily cost-sharing rate to prescriptions  
3 that are dispensed by a network pharmacy for a partial supply if the prescriber or pharmacist  
4 determines the fill or refill to be in the best interest of the patient and the patient requests or  
5 agrees to a partial supply for the purpose of synchronizing the patient’s medications.

6           No individual or group health insurance policy providing prescription drug coverage shall  
7 deny coverage for the dispensing of a medication that is dispensed by a network pharmacy on the  
8 basis that the dispensing is for a partial supply if the prescriber or pharmacist determines the fill  
9 or refill to be in the best interest of the patient and the patient requests or agrees to a partial  
10 supply for the purpose of synchronizing the patient’s medications. The individual or group health  
11 plan must allow a pharmacy to override any denial codes indicating that a prescription is being  
12 refilled too soon for the purposes of medication synchronization.

13           No individual or group health insurance policy providing prescription drug coverage shall  
14 use payment structures incorporating pro-rated dispensing fees. Dispensing fees for partially  
15 filled or refilled prescriptions shall be paid in full for each prescription dispensed, regardless of  
16 any pro-rated copay for the beneficiary or fee paid for alignment services.