

HOUSE No. 1138

By Mr. Dever of Arlington, petition of Edward J. Dever, Jr., for legislation to regulate further nonprofit medical service corporations subject to the supervision of the Commissioner of Insurance. Insurance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-One.

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING NONPROFIT MEDICAL SERVICE CORPORATIONS SUBJECT TO THE SUPERVISION OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE.

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 1 of chapter 176B of the General Laws
2 is hereby amended by striking out the definition "Nonprofit
3 medical service plan", as so appearing, and inserting in place
4 thereof the following definition: —

5 "Nonprofit medical service plan", a plan operated by a
6 medical service corporation under the provisions of this chap-
7 ter, whereby the cost of medical service and other health
8 services furnished to subscribers and covered dependents is paid
9 by the corporation to subscribers, to participating physicians
10 and to such other physicians as are provided for herein, and to
11 providers of other health services.

1 SECTION 2. Section 3 of said chapter 176B is hereby
2 amended by striking out the fourth paragraph, as appearing in
3 chapter 186 of the acts of 1955, and inserting in place thereof
4 the following paragraph: —

5 Any medical service corporation may contract with any
6 agency of the United States of America, of the commonwealth
7 or of any city or town within the commonwealth or with any
8 corporation organized under general or special laws for any of
9 the purposes mentioned in chapter one hundred and eighty for
10 the purpose of providing medical service or other health ser-
11 vices or reimbursement for such medical service or other health
12 services.

1 SECTION 3. Section 4 of said chapter 176B is hereby
2 amended by striking out the first paragraph, as so appearing,
3 and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph: -

4 Any medical service corporation may enter into contracts
5 with its subscribers and with participating physicians, dentists,
6 chiropodists (podiatrists), optometrists, and other providers of
7 health services licensed under the laws of the commonwealth,
8 for such medical, visual, surgical, and other health services as
9 may lawfully be rendered by them to the subscribers and to
10 their dependents, and may pay for such services. The form of
11 agreement with participating physicians, dentists, chiropodists
12 (podiatrists), optometrists, and other providers of health ser-
13 vices and the methods of compensating participating physicians,
14 dentists, chiropodists (podiatrists), optometrists, and other pro-
15 viders of health services for their services to subscribers or
16 covered dependents shall at all times be subject to the written
17 approval of the commissioner.