

By Mr. Nagle of Northampton, petition of William P. Nagle, Jr., and Robert L. Howarth for legislation to facilitate the flow of cash payments under the medical care and assistance program. State Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO FACILITATE CASH FLOW.

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 20 of Chapter 118E of the General Laws as appearing
2 in the 1988 Official Edition is amended by: —

- 3 a). Deleting the first sentence;
- 4 b). Deleting the last two sentences of the first paragraph, and;
- 5 c). Inserting at the end of paragraph one the following:

6 The department shall accept for processing any and all claims
7 submitted via an electronic method, including but not limited to
8 magnetic tape medium, provided that such the format of the data
9 conforms to data submission specifications issued by the
10 department.

11 Any supplementary information required by the department
12 shall be submitted via said electronic method or shall be made
13 available to the department for review through post payment
14 audit.

15 All claims submitted by providers shall be receipt dated by the
16 department and shall be immediately entered into the depart-
17 ment's Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS).
18 Claims properly submitted for services rendered in accordance
19 with department regulations shall be paid within forty-five days
20 of receipt of the department. For all such claims not paid within
21 forty-five days, the department shall compute and pay interest in
22 accordance with chapter 29 as recently amended by chapter 611
23 of the Acts of 1987.

