

SENATE No. 556

By Mr. Lees, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 556) of Brian P. Lees, Joseph F. Wagner and Henri S. Rauschenbach for legislation to monitor the use of Medicaid, Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT MONITORING THE USE OF MEDICAID.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 The Commissioner of Public Welfare is hereby directed to
2 compile a list of the top one thousand utilizers and providers of
3 the medical assistance program established pursuant to Chap-
4 ter 118E of the General Laws as determined by the dollar amount
5 of the benefits used by recipients and the dollar amount of
6 reimbursements made to providers for fiscal year 1992. The
7 commissioner is further directed to conduct a study of this data,
8 including said recipients' relevant medical histories, which shall
9 be reported to the committees on ways and means of the House
10 and Senate no later than November 1, 1992. Such study shall
11 include, but not be limited to, identification of patterns of
12 inappropriate use, possible fraud, use of services in a way that
13 is clearly not cost efficient and the feasibility of placing high-
14 utilizers in a program of managed care. Such study shall also
15 include a breakdown of the total dollar amount of benefits used
16 by each recipient and the amount of money reimbursed to each
17 provider in each year, by the category of medical care or services
18 provided. The Commissioner is expected to offer recommenda-
19 tions for methods of reducing over-utilization and inappropriate
20 use as discovered by such study.

