

By Mr. Hynes of Marshfield, petition of Frank M. Hynes that the Commissioner of the Division of Insurance be required to establish a uniform billing format for health care claims. Insurance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO STANDARDIZED PROVIDER CLAIMS.

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

1 In order to promote cost containment and efficiency in the
2 provision of health care services in the Commonwealth through
3 the standardization of billing information and formats required
4 for health care providers, and in recognition that deadlines have
5 passed without action mandated pursuant to Section 8M of
6 chapter 176A of the General Laws, section 4M of chapter 176B
7 of the General Laws, section 17 of chapter 176G of the General
8 Laws, and section 8 of chapter 176I of the General Laws, this act
9 shall take effect immediately upon enactment.

10 The Commissioner of the Division of Insurance shall designate
11 the uniform billing format, claims data set and its electronic
12 equivalent known as the UB-92, developed by the National
13 Uniform Billing Committee and implemented by the State
14 Uniform Billing Committee, as the standardized health care claim
15 form applicable to hospital inpatient and outpatient services to
16 be adopted and utilized by every entity licensed or registered in
17 Massachusetts under chapters 175, 176A, 176B, 176G and 176I.
18 Each such entity shall provide the Commissioner and each
19 affected provider of hospital services with its billing specification
20 manual which complies with the UB-92 national and state stan-
21 dards and which describes claims processing and audit procedures
22 for such claims.

23 The Division of Industrial Accidents, the Division of Medical

24 Assistance, and the Department of Medical Security shall adopt
 25 said format, claims data set and its electronic equivalent for
 26 hospital inpatient and outpatient claims for payment of medical
 27 services covered under the accident and health benefit programs
 28 regulated by such agencies.