

HOUSE No. 1924

By Ms. Balser of Newton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1924) of Ruth B. Balser and others relative to behavioral health benefits, Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Ruth B. Balser

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act protecting choice in behavioral health benefits for MassHealth members.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Ruth B. Balser	12th Middlesex
Elizabeth A. Malia	11th Suffolk
Denise Provost	27th Middlesex
Jennifer M. Callahan	18th Worcester

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT PROTECTING CHOICE IN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BENEFITS FOR MASSHEALTH MEMBERS.

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 15 of chapter 118E of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the third paragraph the following
3 paragraph:-

4 Any person who is eligible for assistance under the provisions of this chapter
5 who receives behavioral health benefits through the MassHealth behavioral health contractor, as
6 that term is used in MassHealth regulations, shall not have those benefits reassigned or
7 transferred to a MassHealth contracted managed care organization, unless such person provides
8 written or verbal consent to the reassignment or transfer.