

HOUSE No. 1660

By Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston, petition of Kevin W. Fitzgerald for legislation to provide for reimbursement to health centers for prescription drugs and private laboratory costs. Health Care.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR REIMBURSEMENT TO HEALTH CENTERS FOR
PRESCRIPTION DRUGS AND PRIVATE LABORATORY COSTS.

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

1 Chapter 118F of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding
2 the following new section: —

3 Section 21. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Gen-
4 eral Laws, a health center providing to a qualified person prescription
5 drugs or incurring costs for medically necessary laboratory
6 services for a qualified person may seek a base reimbursement for
7 same from the uncompensated care trust. “Qualified person”
8 means any person who is at or below 200% of the federal poverty
9 level who also has no health insurance, and any dependent of such
10 person. “Base reimbursement” means, in the case of prescriptions,
11 a) the cost of generic medications, not to exceed one prescription
12 per month of any one medication; and b) not to exceed \$25.00
13 for any non-generic medication, not to exceed one prescription
14 over month of any one medication. “Base reimbursement” means
15 further, in the case of laboratory services, amounts not to exceed
16 reimbursement rates established for the same services by the
17 Department of Public Welfare.

