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**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:

Ruth B. Balser

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

12th Middlesex

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine  
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## 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.