

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Geraldine Creedon

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 Concerning Consumer Protection Legislation Limiting Copayments For Common Diagnostic Services.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Geraldine Creedon

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

11th Plymouth

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT CONCERNING CONSUMER PROTECTION LEGISLATION LIMITING COPAYMENTS FOR COMMON DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES.

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

1 “Notwithstanding any general or special law or regulation to the contrary, carriers that
2 provides coverage under an individual health insurance policy or contract for (i) mammography,
3 ultrasound, bone density, magnetic resonance imaging or computed axial tomography (CT), including CT
4 in connection with treatment planning for radiation therapy, may not require total copayments in excess
5 of three hundred seventy-five dollars for all such in-network imaging services combined annually, or
6 require a copayment in excess of seventy-five dollars for each in-network magnetic resonance imaging
7 or computed axial tomography; and (ii) for positron emission tomography may not require total
8 copayments in excess of four hundred dollars for all such in-network imaging services combined
9 annually, or require a copayment in excess of one hundred dollars for each in-network positron emission
10 tomography. In order to increase copayments, insurance carriers must request a public hearing before
11 the Massachusetts Division of Insurance and seek the Division’s approval.”