



**Public Policy 2017:
Senator John Keenan's sponsored S1103
An Act Providing for the Full Spectrum of Treatment**

S1103, sponsored by Senator John Keenan, requires both public and private insurance carriers **to cover up to thirty days of community-based inpatient addiction treatment. This includes Transitional Support Services (TSS) without prior authorization** if the treating clinician deems the services are medically necessary.

Like Chapter 258 before it, this legislation is not a mandate that all addiction treatment clients receive thirty days of community-based inpatient care; instead it gives individuals, their families and their treating provider the option if appropriate to serve individuals in a clinically-appropriate, Department of Public Health (DPH) licensed facility up to 30 days.

The Facts:

- Research shows that **longer lengths of stay in addiction treatment produces better outcomes.**
- Requiring insurers to cover longer lengths of stay that are medically necessary makes sense.
- Data compiled by the Department of Public Health shows that individuals with **longer lengths of stay have a much higher probability of transitioning to the next level of care** and continuing on their recovery journey.
- The Center for Health Information Analysis performed an actuarial analysis showing that this increase in length of stay would increase monthly insurance premiums by an average of only \$0.04 to \$0.10. The analysis also found that **removing the requirement for prior authorization for a range of substance use services would have a \$0 long term cost.**

In the midst of a widely-recognized epidemic, action is required to save the lives of individuals in MA suffering from substance use disorders. We believe that this legislation will help to end the continual cycle of relapse and "spin-dry" detox, which puts many people with substance use disorder at dire risk of overdose.

We believe that everyone deserves the opportunity for proper treatment and chance to find recovery. Please support S1103 in order to help make this vision a reality.