

SENATE NO. 605

AN ACT ENSURING CONTINUITY OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH 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 SECTION 1. Chapter 176O of the Massachusetts general laws as appearing in the 2002 official
2 edition is amended by inserting the following new Section:
3 "Section 16: A carrier which contracts with a utilization review organization or other third party to
4 administer its behavioral health benefits shall continue to maintain primary responsibility for
5 ensuring that its insured receive all benefits mandated by law, regardless of the financial status of
6 the utilization review organization or third party administrator. A carrier shall provide timely
7 reimbursement for the legitimate claims of providers in the event a utilization review organization
8 or third party administrator is unable to provide said reimbursements."