

## **Justification and House 1064 as filed.**

### **Justification for HB 1064**

#### ***An Act to Establish a Computerized Physician Order Entry Community Hospital Fund***

The proposed legislation would address the unfunded mandate under the last year's cost containment legislation by supporting community hospitals in need of assistance with CPOE implementation through the establishment of a new CPOE Community Hospital fund via an existing funding source – the surplus contained in the Health Safety Net Fund. Community hospitals have tremendous infrastructure needs and less access to capital. Lower reimbursement rates and new requirements imposed by payers further increase the strain on community hospitals – and particularly in the current economy. In addition, other hospital systems either already have made significant investment and progress in these areas and/or have more access to funding sources going forward. CPOE is necessary for health care providers -- both to be able to provide quality health care, and function in the most efficient and cost effective manner. Community hospitals need assistance to be able to implement what has become a necessary part of operating in today's health care environment.

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1064**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:  
**Daniel E. Bosley**

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*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 to establish a computerized physician order entry community hospital fund.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Daniel E. Bosley	1st Berkshire
Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera	10th Hampden
James B. Eldridge	Middlesex and Worcester

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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## AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A COMPUTERIZED PHYSICIAN ORDER ENTRY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL FUND.

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

Notwithstanding any general or special law or regulation to the contrary, 50 per cent of the surplus, if any, contained in the health safety net fund established in section 36 of chapter 118G, shall be transferred to a computerized physician order entry, referred to in this section as “CPOE”, community hospital fund to be administered by the division of health care finance and policy. The division shall develop grant award criteria for the purpose of funding physician CPOE education and training activities in the community hospital setting. Grant applicants shall file CPOE implementation plans with the division detailing their project and estimated expenses.