

The Federal District Court in Western Massachusetts has denied a motion for summary judgment and dismissed a motion for summary judgment in *Western Massachusetts Legal Services v. Commonwealth of Massachusetts*, No. 2016-cv-00101-KPN, 2016 WL 51127 (D. Mass. Jan. 27, 2016).

The court found that each of the Medicaid provisions at issue in the case were enforceable under the Equal Protection Clause of the U.S. Constitution. The court applied the rational basis test to the provisions and found that each provision was rationally related to a legitimate government interest.

The court also held that, despite defendant's argument that obesity did not constitute a disability within the meaning of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the court found that obesity was a disability under the Act.

Western Massachusetts Legal Services is counsel in this case.