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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Harriette L. Chandler**

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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 include dental benefits in all Commonwealth Care Plans.

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PETITION OF:

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act to include dental benefits in all Commonwealth Care Plans.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Chapter 118H of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the definition of “eligible health insurance plan” and inserting in place thereof the following definition:-

“Eligible health insurance plan”, a health insurance plan that meets the criteria, established by the board, for receiving premium assistance payments; provided, that such criteria must require plans to include medically necessary dental services, including preventative and restorative procedures; and provided further, that no eligible health insurance plan may require an annual deductible.