

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Ruth B. Balser

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 for coordination of children's mental health care services

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Ruth B. Balser	12th Middlesex
Paul J. Donato	35th Middlesex
Patricia A. Haddad	5th Bristol
Barbara A. L'Italien	18th Essex
Mary E. Grant	6th Essex
James R. Miceli	19th Middlesex
Peter v. Kocot	1st Hampshire

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT FOR COORDINATION OF CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH CARE 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. Subsection (g) of section 22 of chapter 32A of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “setting” in
3 the first sentence, the following words: — and for children and adolescents under the age of 19,
4 shall include any and all collateral services.

5 SECTION 2. Subsection (i) of said section 22 of said chapter 32A, as so appearing, is
6 hereby amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following paragraph:—

7 Under this section, “collateral services” shall mean face-to-face or telephonic
8 consultation, of at least 15 minutes in duration, by a licensed mental health professional with
9 parties determined by the licensed mental health professional to be necessary to make a
10 diagnosis, and develop and implement a treatment plan.

11 SECTION 3. Chapter 118E, as so appearing, is amended by inserting after section 10F
12 the following section:—

13 Section 10G. The division shall provide coverage for collateral services performed by a
14 licensed mental health professional for persons under 19 years of age. Nothing contained in this
15 section shall be construed to abrogate any obligation to provide coverage for mental health
16 services pursuant to any law or regulation of the commonwealth or the United States or under the
17 terms or provisions of any policy, contract, or certificate.

18 Under this section, “collateral services” shall mean face-to-face or telephonic consultation, of at
19 least 15 minutes in duration, by a licensed mental health professional with parties determined by
20 the licensed mental health professional to be necessary to make a diagnosis, and develop and

21 implement a treatment plan.

22 Under this section, “licensed mental health professional” shall mean a licensed physician who
23 specializes in the practice of psychiatry, a licensed psychologist, a licensed independent clinical
24 social worker, a licensed mental health counselor, or a licensed nurse mental health clinical
25 specialist.

26 SECTION 4. Subsection (g) of section 47B of chapter 175, as so appearing, is hereby
27 amended by inserting after the word “setting” in the first sentence, the following words: — and
28 for children and adolescents under the age of 19, shall include any and all collateral services.

29 SECTION 5. Subsection (i) of said section 47B of said chapter 175, as so appearing, is
30 hereby amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following paragraph:—

31 Under this section, “collateral services” shall mean face-to-face or telephonic
32 consultation, for at least 15 minutes of duration, by a licensed mental health professional with
33 parties determined by the licensed mental health professional to be necessary to make a
34 diagnosis, and develop and implement a treatment plan.

35 SECTION 6. Subsection (g) of section 8A of chapter 176A, as so appearing, is hereby
36 amended by inserting after the word “setting” in the first sentence the following words: - and for
37 children and adolescents under the age of 19, shall include any and all collateral services.

38 SECTION 7. Subsection (i) of said section 8A of said chapter 176A, as so appearing, is
39 hereby amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following paragraph:—

40 Under this section, “collateral services” shall mean face-to-face or telephonic
41 consultation, of at least 15 minutes of duration, by a licensed mental health professional with
42 parties determined by the licensed mental health professional to be necessary to make a
43 diagnosis, and develop and implement a treatment plan.

44 SECTION 8. Subsection (g) of section 4A of chapter 176B, as so appearing, is hereby
45 amended by inserting after the word “setting” in the first sentence the following words:-and for
46 children and adolescents under the age of 19, shall include any and all collateral services.

47 SECTION 9. Subsection (i) of said section 4A of said chapter 176B, as so appearing, is
48 hereby amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following paragraph:—

49 Under this section, “collateral services” shall mean face-to-face or telephonic
50 consultation, of at least 15 minutes of duration, by a licensed mental health professional with
51 parties determined by the licensed mental health professional to be necessary to make a
52 diagnosis, and develop and implement a treatment plan.

53 SECTION 10. Subsection (g) of section 4M of chapter 176G, as so appearing, is hereby
54 amended by inserting after the word “setting” in the first sentence the following words:-and for
55 children and adolescents under the age of 19, shall include any and all collateral services.

56 SECTION 11. Subsection (i) of said section 4M of said chapter 176G, as so appearing, is
57 hereby amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following paragraph:—

58 Under this section, “collateral services” shall mean face-to-face or telephonic
59 consultation, of at least 15 minutes of duration, by a licensed mental health professional with
60 parties determined by the licensed mental health professional to be necessary to make a
61 diagnosis, and develop and implement a treatment plan.