

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Lori Ehrlich

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 Provide Coverage for Tobacco Use Cessation Under Commonwealth Care.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Lori Ehrlich	8th Essex
David P. Linsky	5th Middlesex
Alice K. Wolf	25th Middlesex
Theodore C. Speliotis	13th Essex
Kay Khan	11th Middlesex

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine
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AN ACT TO PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR TOBACCO USE CESSATION UNDER COMMONWEALTH CARE.

*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 118H of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting the following
2 section:

3 Section 7. Any policy of insurance for accident or sickness, or agreement for medical or health
4 services, which shall be delivered or issued or renewed or certified in this Commonwealth
5 through the Commonwealth Care Health Insurance Program described in Chapter 118H of the
6 General Laws, shall provide as a benefit to all individual subscribers and members within the
7 Commonwealth, for expenses of tobacco use cessation treatment as hereinafter set forth.
8 Tobacco use cessation treatment shall include nicotine replacement therapy, other evidence-
9 based pharmacologic aids to quitting tobacco use, and accompanying counseling by a physician,
10 physician assistant, nurse, nurse practitioner, dentist, certified tobacco treatment specialist,
11 certified substance abuse counselor, licensed mental health counselors or other qualified
12 clinician.