

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Elizabeth A. Malia**

*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 ensure equitable health coverage for all children.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

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DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

11th Suffolk

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

## AN ACT TO ENSURE EQUITABLE HEALTH COVERAGE FOR ALL CHILDREN.

*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: Section 10F of chapter 118E of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
2 striking out subsection (a) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-

3 (a) There is hereby established a program of managed care to provide primary and  
4 preventive health care services for uninsured dependent and adopted youths from birth  
5 through age eighteen; provided, however, that only said youths who are ineligible for  
6 medical benefits pursuant to this chapter shall be eligible for the services defined in this  
7 section. Services available from the program shall include but are not limited to the  
8 following:-

9           (1) preventive pediatric care in a participating doctor's office, community health center,  
10 health maintenance organization or school-based clinic, including well-child visits,  
11 immunizations, tuberculin testing, hematocrit, hemoglobin and other appropriate blood  
12 testing, urinalysis, and routine tests to screen for lead poisoning, and such services as  
13 are periodically recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics; provided that  
14 services provided by a participating independent laboratory for diagnostic laboratory  
15 tests shall be reimbursed by said program;

16           (2) unlimited sick visits in a participating doctor's office, community health center,  
17 health maintenance organization, school-based clinic or a patient's home;

18           (3) first-aid treatment and follow up care, including the changing or removal of casts,  
19 burn dressings or structures, in a participating doctor's office, community health center,  
20 health maintenance organization or school-based clinic;

21 (4) the provision of smoking cessation and prevention educational information and  
22 materials to the parent, guardian or person with whom an enrollee resides;

23 (5) medically necessary prescription drugs; provided, however, that enrollees shall be  
24 responsible for a copayment of \$3 for each interchangeable drug prescription and \$4 for  
25 each brand name drug prescription;

26 (6) urgent care visits in the outpatient department of a participating hospital when an  
27 enrollee's primary care practitioner is not available to provide such services, and  
28 emergency care in the outpatient department or emergency department of a  
29 participating hospital, including related laboratory and diagnostic radiology services for  
30 said urgent and emergency care, provided that rates of reimbursement for such urgent  
31 care and emergency services are negotiated by participating hospitals with the  
32 department or its designated vendor;

33 (7) outpatient surgery and anesthesia which is medically necessary; provided that  
34 rates of reimbursement for such urgent care and emergency services are negotiated by  
35 participating hospitals with the division or its designated vendor;

36 (8) medically necessary eye examinations and eye glasses;

37 (9) medically necessary outpatient and inpatient mental health services; provided  
38 further, that no such mental health services shall be provided by the division that would  
39 substitute for mental health services required pursuant to chapter 71B;

40 (10) dental health services, including preventive dental and restorative care; provided,  
41 however, that no funds shall be expended for cosmetic dentistry;

42 (11) durable medical equipment; and

43 (12) auditory screening and hearing aids.

44 SECTION 2. Section 10F of chapter 118E of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
45 striking out subsection (b).

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