

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Tom Sannicandro

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 Relative to providing insurance coverage for magnetic resonance imaging for certain persons.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

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DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

7th Middlesex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 545 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine
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AN ACT RELATIVE TO PROVIDING INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING FOR CERTAIN PERSONS.

*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 175 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 47X the
2 following section:-

3 Section 47Z. Any individual policy of accident and sickness insurance issued pursuant to section 108, and
4 any group blanket policy of accident and sickness insurance issued pursuant to section 110, except policies
5 providing supplemental coverage to Medicare or to other government programs, delivered, issued or renewed by
6 agreement within or without the commonwealth shall provide coverage for Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) for
7 high risk women who are identified as those who have a personal history with cancer or, two or more first degree
8 relatives with breast cancer or, early onset of breast cancer (before the age of 50) in one or more first degree
9 relatives or, a history of breast cancer in more than one generation or, cancer in both breasts in one or more first
10 degree relatives or, tested positive for Breast Cancer Gene 1 or Breast Cancer Gene 2 mutations or, have one or
11 more first degree relatives test positive for Breast Cancer Gene 1 or Breast Cancer Gene 2 mutations or, have a
12 personal history with Atypical Lobular Hyperplasia or Atypical Ductal Hyperplasia or Lobular Carcinoma in Situ. Said
13 coverage will be provided once annually to women 25 years and older.

14 SECTION 2. Chapter 176A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 8Y the
15 following section:-

16 Section 8Z. Any contract, except contracts providing supplemental coverage to Medicare or other
17 governmental programs, between a subscriber and the corporation under an individual or group hospital service
18 plan which shall be delivered or issued or renewed in the commonwealth shall provide, as a basic benefit to all
19 individual subscribers and members within the commonwealth and to all group members having a principal place
20 of employment within the commonwealth, for expense for Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) for high risk

21 women who are identified as those who have a personal history with cancer or, two or more first degree relatives
22 with breast cancer or, early onset of breast cancer (before the age of 50) in one or more first degree relatives or, a
23 history of breast cancer in more than one generation or, cancer in both breasts in one or more first degree
24 relatives or, tested positive for Breast Cancer Gene 1 or Breast Cancer Gene 2 mutations or, have one or more first
25 degree relatives test positive for Breast Cancer Gene 1 or Breast Cancer Gene 2 mutations or, have a personal
26 history with Atypical Lobular Hyperplasia or Atypical Ductal Hyperplasia or Lobular Carcinoma in Situ. Said
27 Magnetic Resonance Imaging shall be provided in either a hospital or other setting and which shall meet standards
28 promulgated by the commissioner of public health. Said coverage will be provided once annually to women 25
29 years and older.

30 SECTION 3. Chapter 176B of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 4Y the
31 following section:-

32 Section 4Z. Any subscription certificate under an individual or group medical service agreement that shall
33 be delivered, issued or renewed in the commonwealth shall provide as a benefit for all individual subscribers or
34 members within the commonwealth and all group members having a principal place of employment within the
35 commonwealth, coverage for expenses for Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) for high risk women who are
36 identified as those who have a personal history with cancer or, two or more first degree relatives with breast
37 cancer or, early onset of breast cancer (before the age of 50) in one or more first degree relatives or, a history of
38 breast cancer in more than one generation or, cancer in both breasts in one or more first degree relatives or,
39 tested positive for Breast Cancer Gene 1 or Breast Cancer Gene 2 mutations or, have one or more first degree
40 relatives test positive for Breast Cancer Gene 1 or Breast Cancer Gene 2 mutations or, have a personal history with
41 Atypical Lobular Hyperplasia or Atypical Ductal Hyperplasia or Lobular Carcinoma in Situ and as authorized by a
42 duly licensed physician. Said coverage will be provided once annually to women 25 years and older.

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44 The benefits provided in this section shall meet all other terms and conditions within a subscription
45 certificate. Medical service agreements shall not reduce or eliminate coverage due to the requirements of this
46 section.

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