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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:

An Act improving the children's medical security program and simplifying the administration process.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Elizabeth A. Malia	*11th Suffolk*
William N. Brownsberger	☐ *[District]* ☐
John W. Scibak	*2nd Hampshire*
Kay Khan	*11th Middlesex*
Cory Atkins	*14th Middlesex*
Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.	*26th Middlesex*
Denise Provost	*27th Middlesex*
Denise Andrews	*2nd Franklin*
Tom Sannicandro	*7th Middlesex*
Christine E. Canavan	*10th Plymouth*
Brian M. Ashe	*2nd Hampden*
Peter V. Kocot	*1st Hampshire*
Harold P. Naughton, Jr.	*12th Worcester*
Gloria L. Fox	*7th Suffolk*

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By Ms. Malia of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1501) of Elizabeth A. Malia and others for legislation to provide for primary and preventative health care services for certain children in the Commonwealth. Public Health.

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An Act improving the children's medical security program and simplifying the administration process.

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 10F of chapter 118E of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out subsections (a) and (b), as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following 2 subsections:-

(a) There shall be a program to provide primary and preventive health care services for uninsured dependent and adopted youths from birth through age 18, in this section called the program; but only those youths who are ineligible for medical benefits pursuant to this chapter shall be eligible for the services defined in this section. The secretary of health and human services shall administer the program, subject to appropriation. The covered services available from the program shall be set forth in regulations of the executive office of health and human services as the secretary determines is appropriate, but at a minimum shall include the following:

(1) preventive pediatric health care visits and well-child visits, including immunizations and screening tests;

(2) primary care health care services customarily furnished by or through a general practitioner, family physician, internal medicine physician, obstetrician/gynecologist, pediatrician, independent nurse practitioner, to the extent the furnishing of those services is legally authorized in the commonwealth, but primary care shall not include emergency or post-stabilization services provided in a hospital or other setting;

(3) unlimited sick visits in a primary care provider's office.

(b) Additional services under the program shall include the following, but coverage for specific services within each category and the benefit limitations shall be at the secretary's discretion:

22 (1) dental health care, including preventive dental care; but no funds shall be
23 expended for cosmetic or surgical dentistry;

24 (2) prescription drugs;

25 (3) behavioral health.

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27 Prior to setting any benefit changes forth in regulation, the Office of Medicaid shall
28 provide to the House and Senate Committees on Ways and Means a description of the cost per
29 covered program member in the year preceding implementation of the regulation, as well as the
30 anticipated cost per covered program member in the year following implementation of the
31 regulation. Said description shall clearly indicate any changes in anticipated costs resulting from
32 changes in covered program services.