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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Cynthia S. Creem*, (BY REQUEST)**

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 to mandate health benefit coverage for certain tests for the early detection of cardiovascular disease.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Cynthia S. Creem	*[District]*
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By Ms. Creem (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 495) of Cynthia S. Creem and John Madfis for legislation to mandate health benefit coverage for certain tests for the early detection of cardiovascular disease. Health Care Financing.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

An Act to mandate health benefit coverage for certain tests for the early detection of cardiovascular disease.

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. Chapter 32A of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

Section 26. (a) The commission shall provide to an active or retired employee of the commonwealth who is insured under the group insurance commission benefits on a nondiscriminatory basis for the screening medical procedures required by this act to each covered individual who is a:

(1) a male older than 45 years of age and younger than 76 years of age; or

(2) a female older than 55 years of age and younger than 76 years of age; and

(3) who is diabetic or has a risk of developing coronary heart disease, based on a score derived using the Framingham Heart Study coronary prediction algorithm, that is intermediate or higher.

(b) The minimum coverage required to be provided under this act is coverage of up to $200 for one of the following noninvasive screening tests for atherosclerosis and abnormal artery structure and function every five years by a licensed provider:

(1) computed tomography (CT) scanning measuring coronary artery calcification; or

(2) ultrasonography measuring carotid intima-media thickness and plaque.

21 SECTION 2. Chapter 175 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting
22 after section 47AA the following section:-

23 Section 47BB. (a) An individual policy of accident and sickness insurance
24 issued under section 108 that provides hospital expense and surgical expense insurance and any
25 group blanket or general policy of accident and sickness insurance issued under section 110 that
26 provides hospital expense and surgical expense insurance, which is issued or renewed within or
27 without the commonwealth, shall provide benefits on a nondiscriminatory basis for the screening
28 medical procedures required by this act to each covered individual who is a:

29 (1) a male older than 45 years of age and younger than 76
30 years of age; or

31 (2) a female older than 55 years of age and younger than 76
32 years of age; and

33 (3) who is diabetic or has a risk of developing coronary heart
34 disease, based on a score derived using the Framingham Heart Study coronary prediction
35 algorithm, that is intermediate or higher.

36 (b) The minimum coverage required to be provided under this act is coverage
37 of up to $200 for one of the following noninvasive screening tests for atherosclerosis and
38 abnormal artery structure and function every five years by a licensed provider:

39 (1) computed tomography (CT) scanning measuring coronary
40 artery calcification; or

41 (2) ultrasonography measuring carotid intima-media thickness
42 and plaque.

43 SECTION 3. Chapter 176A of the General Laws is hereby amended by
44 inserting after section 8DD the following section:-

45 Section 8EE. (a) A contract between a subscriber and the corporation under an
46 individual or group hospital service plan which is issued or renewed within or without the
47 commonwealth shall provide benefits on a nondiscriminatory basis for the screening medical
48 procedures required by this act to each covered individual who is a:

49 (1) a male older than 45 years of age and younger than 76
50 years of age; or

51 (2) a female older than 55 years of age and younger than 76
52 years of age; and

53 (3) who is diabetic or has a risk of developing coronary heart
54 disease, based on a score derived using the Framingham Heart Study coronary prediction
55 algorithm, that is intermediate or higher.

56 (b) The minimum coverage required to be provided under this act is coverage
57 of up to $200 for one of the following noninvasive screening tests for atherosclerosis and
58 abnormal artery structure and function every five years by a licensed provider:

59 (1) computed tomography (CT) scanning measuring coronary
60 artery calcification; or

61 (2) ultrasonography measuring carotid intima-media thickness
62 and plaque.

63 SECTION 4. Chapter 176B of the General Laws is hereby amended by
64 inserting after section 4DD the following section:-

65 Section 4EE. (a) A subscription certificate under an individual or group
66 medical service agreement which is issued or renewed within or without the commonwealth shall
67 provide benefits on a nondiscriminatory basis for the screening medical procedures required by
68 this act to each covered individual who is a:

69 (1) a male older than 45 years of age and younger than 76
70 years of age; or

71 (2) a female older than 55 years of age and younger than 76
72 years of age; and

73 (3) who is diabetic or has a risk of developing coronary heart
74 disease, based on a score derived using the Framingham Heart Study coronary prediction
75 algorithm, that is intermediate or higher.

76 (b) The minimum coverage required to be provided under this act is coverage
77 of up to $200 for one of the following noninvasive screening tests for atherosclerosis and
78 abnormal artery structure and function every five years by a licensed provider:

79 (1) computed tomography (CT) scanning measuring coronary
80 artery calcification; or

81 (2) ultrasonography measuring carotid intima-media thickness
82 and plaque.

83 SECTION 5. Chapter 176G of the General Laws is hereby amended by
84 inserting after section 4V the following section:-

85 Section 4W. (a) A health maintenance contract issued or renewed within or
86 without the commonwealth shall provide benefits on a nondiscriminatory basis for the screening
87 medical procedures required by this act to each covered individual who is a:

88 (1) a male older than 45 years of age and younger than 76
89 years of age; or

90 (2) a female older than 55 years of age and younger than 76
91 years of age; and

92 (3) who is diabetic or has a risk of developing coronary heart
93 disease, based on a score derived using the Framingham Heart Study coronary prediction
94 algorithm, that is intermediate or higher.

95 (b) The minimum coverage required to be provided under this act is coverage
96 of up to $200 for one of the following noninvasive screening tests for atherosclerosis and
97 abnormal artery structure and function every five years by a licensed provider:

98 (1) computed tomography (CT) scanning measuring coronary
99 artery calcification; or

100 (2) ultrasonography measuring carotid intima-media thickness
101 and plaque.