

SENATE No. 647

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Cindy F. Friedman

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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to preserving preventive services without cost sharing.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | |
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| <i>Cindy F. Friedman</i> | <i>Fourth Middlesex</i> | |
| <i>Julian Cyr</i> | <i>Cape and Islands</i> | <i>3/30/2023</i> |
| <i>Pavel M. Payano</i> | <i>First Essex</i> | <i>2/1/2024</i> |

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By Ms. Friedman, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 647) of Cindy F. Friedman for legislation relative to preserving preventive services without cost sharing. Financial Services.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act relative to preserving preventive services without cost sharing.

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 176O of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the
2 following section:-

3 Section 30. (a) For a health plan issued on or after January 1, 2025, a carrier, as defined
4 by this chapter or subject to chapters 32A or 176J, shall, at a minimum, provide coverage for: (i)
5 evidence-based items or services that have a rating of A or B in the recommendations of the
6 United States Preventive Services Task Force, with respect to the individual involved; (ii)
7 immunizations for routine use in children, adolescents and adults in accordance with the
8 recommendations and immunization schedules from the Advisory Committee on Immunization
9 Practices and approved by the director of the centers for disease control and prevention, with
10 respect to the individual involved; (iii) evidence-informed preventive care and screenings for
11 infants, children and adolescents, as described in comprehensive guidelines supported by the
12 Health Resources and Services Administration; and (iv) evidence-informed preventive care for
13 women, to the extent not described in clause (i) of this subsection; provided, that such coverage

14 shall not be subject to any cost-sharing, including co-payments and co-insurance, and shall not
15 be subject to any deductible.

16 (b) Nothing in this section shall prohibit a carrier from providing coverage for items and
17 services in addition to those recommended by the United States Preventive Services Task Force,
18 the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, and the Health Resources and Services
19 Administration, or denying coverage for items and services that are not recommended.

20 (c) If a recommendation described in subsection (a) is changed during a health plan year,
21 a carrier is not required to make changes to that health plan during the plan year.

22 (d) The division shall issue guidance as necessary to implement and enforce this section.

23 SECTION 2. The division of insurance shall issue guidance under section 30 of
24 subsection (d) of chapter 176O of the General Laws not later than 90 days after the effective date
25 of this act.