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HOUSE . . . . . No. 323

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John W. Scibak and Harriette L. Chandler

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 relative to financial services contracts for dental benefits corporations.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.	*12th Hampden*
George T. Ross	*2nd Bristol*
Carolyn C. Dykema	*8th Middlesex*
Rhonda Nyman	*5th Plymouth*
Walter F. Timilty	*7th Norfolk*
Antonio F. D. Cabral	*13th Bristol*
Brian M. Ashe	*2nd Hampden*
Jason M. Lewis	*31st Middlesex*
Ellen Story	*3rd Hampshire*
Michael F. Kane	*5th Hampden*
James M. Cantwell	*4th Plymouth*
Stephen Kulik	*1st Franklin*
Anne M. Gobi	*5th Worcester*
Jennifer E. Benson	*37th Middlesex*
F. Jay Barrows	*1st Bristol*
Ruth B. Balser	*12th Middlesex*
Sean Garballey	*23rd Middlesex*
Alice Hanlon Peisch	*14th Norfolk*

Christopher N. Speranzo	*3rd Berkshire*
David M. Torrisi	*14th Essex*
Theodore C. Speliotis	*13th Essex*
Frank I. Smizik	*15th Norfolk*
Paul J. Donato	*35th Middlesex*
William Smitty Pignatelli	*4th Berkshire*
Carlo Basile	*1st Suffolk*
Lori A. Ehrlich	*8th Essex*
Donald F. Humason, Jr.	*4th Hampden*
Jay R. Kaufman	*15th Middlesex*

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By Mr. Scibak of South Hadley and Senator Chandler, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 323) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr. and others for legislation relative to financial services contracts for dental benefits corporations. Financial Services.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
SENATE
, NO. *2562* OF 2009-2010.]

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An Act relative to financial services contracts for dental benefits corporations.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Section 108B of Chapter 175 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end of said section the following sentence:- "No contract for the provision of healthcare services or benefits with a registered dentist may require that such dentist provide dental services to a covered person at a particular fee unless said dental services are services for which the company shall provide payment under the applicable group or individual policy of accident, sickness or health insurance."

Section 7 of chapter 176B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the second paragraph the following paragraph:- "No such agreement may require that a dentist provide dental services to subscribers or their covered dependents at a particular fee unless said dental services are services for which the medical services corporation shall provide reimbursement under the applicable service agreement."

Section 7 of chapter 176E of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the second paragraph the following paragraph:- "No written agreement between a dental service corporation and a participating dentist may require that the dentist provide dental services to subscribers or their covered dependents at a particular fee unless said dental services are services for which the dental service corporation shall provide reimbursement under the applicable service agreement."

18 Section 21 of chapter 176G of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official
19 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after sub-section (d) the following sub-section:- "(e) No
20 contract between a health maintenance organization and a participating provider who is a
21 registered dentist may require that such dentist provide dental services to a member at a
22 particular fee unless said dental services are services for which the health maintenance
23 organization shall provide reimbursement under the applicable health maintenance contract."

24 Section 2 of chapter 176I of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition,
25 is hereby amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following paragraph:- "No preferred
26 provider arrangement with a health care provider who is a registered dentist may require that
27 such dentist provide dental service to a covered person at a particular fee unless said dental
28 services are services for which the organization shall provide reimbursement under the
29 applicable preferred provider arrangement."