

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 984**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***John W. Scibak***

*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 insurance coverage for PANDAS/PANS.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>John W. Scibak</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>
<i>Peter V. Kocot</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>
<i>John D. Keenan</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>
<i>Stanley C. Rosenberg</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>
<i>Ellen Story</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>
<i>Garrett J. Bradley</i>	<i>3rd Plymouth</i>
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>Thomas J. Calter</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>7th Norfolk</i>
<i>James M. Murphy</i>	<i>4th Norfolk</i>
<i>Rhonda Nyman</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>
<i>Karen E. Spilka</i>	<i>Second Middlesex and Norfolk</i>
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Steven M. Walsh</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>

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By Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 984) of John W. Scibak and others relative to insurance coverage for pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome. Financial Services.

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**

An Act relative to insurance coverage for PANDAS/PANS.

*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 32A of the General Laws, as amended by Chapter 403 of the Acts  
2 of 2012, is hereby amended by inserting after section 17K the following section:-

3 Section 17L. The commission shall provide to any active or retired employee of the  
4 commonwealth who is insured under the group insurance commission, coverage for treatment of  
5 pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and  
6 pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome. Said treatment shall include, but not be limited  
7 to, the use of Intravenous immunoglobulin (IVIG) therapy.

8 SECTION 2. Chapter 175 of the General Laws, as amended by Chapter 403 of the Acts  
9 of 2012, is hereby amended by inserting after section 47DD the following section:-

10 Section 47EE. Any policy, contract, agreement, plan or certificate of insurance issued,  
11 delivered or renewed within the commonwealth shall provide coverage for treatment of pediatric  
12 autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric  
13 acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome. Said treatment shall include, but not be limited to, the  
14 use of Intravenous immunoglobulin (IVIG) therapy.

15 SECTION 3. Chapter 176A of the General Laws, as amended by Chapter 403 of the Acts  
16 of 2012, is hereby amended by inserting after section 8EE the following section:-

17 Section 8FF. Any contract between a subscriber and a corporation under an individual or  
18 group hospital service plan delivered, issued or renewed within the commonwealth shall provide

19 coverage for treatment of pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with  
20 streptococcal infections and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome. Said treatment  
21 shall include, but not be limited to, the use of Intravenous immunoglobulin (IVIG) therapy.

22 SECTION 4. Chapter 176B of the General Laws, as amended by Chapter 403 of the Acts  
23 of 2012, is hereby amended by inserting after section 4FF the following section:-

24 Section 4GG. Any subscription certificate under an individual or group medical service  
25 agreement delivered, issued or renewed within the commonwealth shall provide coverage for  
26 treatment of pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal  
27 infections and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome. Said treatment shall include, but  
28 not be limited to, the use of Intravenous immunoglobulin (IVIG) therapy.

29 SECTION 5. Chapter 176G of the General Laws, as amended by Chapter 403 of the Acts  
30 of 2012, is hereby amended by inserting after section 4X the following section:-

31 Section 4Y. Any individual or group health maintenance contract shall provide coverage  
32 for treatment of pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal  
33 infections and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome. Said treatment shall include, but  
34 not be limited to, the use of Intravenous immunoglobulin (IVIG) therapy.