

HOUSE No. 3586

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act for coordination of children's mental health care services.

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. Subsection (g) of section 22 of chapter 32A of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “setting” in
3 the first sentence, the following words: — and for children and adolescents under the age of 19,
4 shall include any and all collateral services.

5 SECTION 2. Subsection (i) of said section 22 of said chapter 32A, as so appearing, is
6 hereby amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following paragraph:—

7 Under this section, “collateral services” shall mean face-to-face or telephonic
8 consultation, of at least 15 minutes in duration, by a licensed mental health professional with
9 parties determined by the licensed mental health professional to be necessary to make a
10 diagnosis, and develop and implement a treatment plan.

11 SECTION 3. Chapter 118E, as so appearing, is amended by inserting after section 10F
12 the following section:—

13 Section 10G. The division shall provide coverage for collateral services performed by a
14 licensed mental health professional for persons under 19 years of age. Nothing contained in this
15 section shall be construed to abrogate any obligation to provide coverage for mental health
16 services pursuant to any law or regulation of the commonwealth or the United States or under the
17 terms or provisions of any policy, contract, or certificate.

18 Under this section, “collateral services” shall mean face-to-face or telephonic
19 consultation, of at least 15 minutes in duration, by a licensed mental health professional with
20 parties determined by the licensed mental health professional to be necessary to make a
21 diagnosis, and develop and implement a treatment plan. Under this section, “licensed mental
22 health professional” shall mean a licensed physician who specializes in the practice of
23 psychiatry, a licensed psychologist, a licensed independent clinical social worker, a licensed
24 mental health counselor, or a licensed nurse mental health clinical specialist.

25 SECTION 4. Subsection (g) of section 47B of chapter 175, as so appearing, is hereby
26 amended by inserting after the word “setting” in the first sentence, the following words: — and
27 for children and adolescents under the age of 19, shall include any and all collateral services.

28 SECTION 5. Subsection (i) of said section 47B of said chapter 175, as so appearing, is
29 hereby amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following paragraph:—

30 Under this section, “collateral services” shall mean face-to-face or telephonic
31 consultation, for at least 15 minutes of duration, by a licensed mental health professional with
32 parties determined by the licensed mental health professional to be necessary to make a
33 diagnosis, and develop and implement a treatment plan.

34 SECTION 6. Subsection (g) of section 8A of chapter 176A, as so appearing, is hereby
35 amended by inserting after the word “setting” in the first sentence the following words: - and for
36 children and adolescents under the age of 19, shall include any and all collateral services.

37 SECTION 7. Subsection (i) of said section 8A of said chapter 176A, as so appearing, is
38 hereby amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following paragraph:—

39 Under this section, “collateral services” shall mean face-to-face or telephonic
40 consultation, of at least 15 minutes of duration, by a licensed mental health professional with
41 parties determined by the licensed mental health professional to be necessary to make a
42 diagnosis, and develop and implement a treatment plan.

43 SECTION 8. Subsection (g) of section 4A of chapter 176B, as so appearing, is hereby
44 amended by inserting after the word “setting” in the first sentence the following words:-and for
45 children and adolescents under the age of 19, shall include any and all collateral services.

46 SECTION 9. Subsection (i) of said section 4A of said chapter 176B, as so appearing, is
47 hereby amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following paragraph:—

48 Under this section, “collateral services” shall mean face-to-face or telephonic
49 consultation, of at least 15 minutes of duration, by a licensed mental health professional with
50 parties determined by the licensed mental health professional to be necessary to make a
51 diagnosis, and develop and implement a treatment plan.

52 SECTION 10. Subsection (g) of section 4M of chapter 176G, as so appearing, is hereby
53 amended by inserting after the word “setting” in the first sentence the following words:-and for
54 children and adolescents under the age of 19, shall include any and all collateral services.

55 SECTION 11. Subsection (i) of said section 4M of said chapter 176G, as so appearing, is
56 hereby amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following paragraph:— Under
57 this section, “collateral services” shall mean face-to-face or telephonic consultation, of at least 15
58 minutes of duration, by a licensed mental health professional with parties determined by the
59 licensed mental health professional to be necessary to make a diagnosis, and develop and
60 implement a treatment plan.