

HOUSE No. 4111

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act providing for medical coverage for acupuncture..

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 175 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 47Y the following section:-

3 Section 47AA. All individual or group accident and health insurance policies and health
4 service contracts delivered, issued or renewed by an insurer or nonprofit health service
5 corporation which provide benefits to individual subscribers and members within the
6 commonwealth or to all group members having a principal place of employment within the
7 commonwealth shall provide benefits for services rendered by a licensed acupuncturist.

8 SECTION 2. Section 205 of said chapter 175, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
9 inserting after the first paragraph the following paragraph:-

10 The commissioner shall not approve a policy that does not provide benefits for services
11 rendered by a licensed acupuncturist.

12 SECTION 3. Chapter 176A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 206 Official
13 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 8AA the following section:-

14 Section 8BB. Any contract between a subscriber and the corporation under an individual
15 or group hospital service plan delivered, issued or renewed in the commonwealth shall provide
16 as benefits to all individual subscribers and members within the commonwealth and to all group
17 members having a principal place of employment within the commonwealth for services
18 rendered by a licensed acupuncturist.

19 SECTION 4. Chapter 176B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official
20 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 4BB the following section:-

21 Section 4CC. Any subscription certificate under an individual or group medical service
22 agreement delivered, issued or renewed in the commonwealth shall provide a benefits to all
23 individual subscribers and members within the commonwealth and to all group members having
24 a principal place of employment within the commonwealth for services rendered by a licensed
25 acupuncturist.

26 SECTION 5. Chapter 176G of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official
27 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 4T the following section:-

28 Section 4U. Any group health maintenance contract shall provide coverage for
29 acupuncture as defined in section 1 of chapter 112. SECTION 1. Chapter 175 of the General
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