

HOUSE No. 932

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act Relative to the treatment of cleft palate and cleft lip..

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 appearing in the 2006 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following section:

3 Section 17J. Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the
4 contrary, a health insurance policy that covers a child under the age of 18 must provide coverage
5 for treatment of cleft lip and cleft palate for the child. The coverage must include benefits for
6 medical, dental, oral and facial surgery, surgical management and follow-up care by oral and
7 plastic surgeons, orthodontic treatment and management, preventative and restorative dentistry to
8 insure good health and adequate dental structures for orthodontic treatment or prosthetic
9 management therapy, speech therapy, audiology, and nutrition services, only if such services are
10 prescribed by the treating physician or surgeon and such physician or surgeon certifies that such
11 services are medically necessary and consequent to the treatment of the cleft lip or palate. The
12 coverage required by this section is subject to the terms and conditions applicable to other
13 benefits. Payment for dental or orthodontic treatment not related to the management of the
14 congenital condition of cleft lip and cleft palate shall not be covered under this provision.

15 SECTION 2. Chapter 118E, is hereby amended by adding the following section:

16 Section 61. Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the
17 contrary, a health insurance policy that covers a child under the age of 18 must provide coverage
18 for treatment of cleft lip and cleft palate for the child. The coverage must include benefits for
19 medical, dental, oral and facial surgery, surgical management and follow-up care by oral and
20 plastic surgeons, orthodontic treatment and management, preventative and restorative dentistry to
21 insure good health and adequate dental structures for orthodontic treatment or prosthetic
22 management therapy, speech therapy, audiology, and nutrition services, only if such services are
23 prescribed by the treating physician or surgeon and such physician or surgeon certifies that such
24 services are medically necessary and consequent to the treatment of the cleft lip or palate. The
25 coverage required by this section is subject to the terms and conditions applicable to other
26 benefits. Payment for dental or orthodontic treatment not related to the management of the
27 congenital condition of cleft lip and cleft palate shall not be covered under this provision.

28 SECTION 3. Section 108 of Chapter 175 is hereby amended by adding the following
29 section:

30 Section K. Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the
31 contrary, a health insurance policy that covers a child under the age of 18 must provide coverage
32 for treatment of cleft lip and cleft palate for the child. The coverage must include benefits for
33 medical, dental, oral and facial surgery, surgical management and follow-up care by oral and
34 plastic surgeons, orthodontic treatment and management, preventative and restorative dentistry to
35 insure good health and adequate dental structures for orthodontic treatment or prosthetic
36 management therapy, speech therapy, audiology, and nutrition services, only if such services are

37 prescribed by the treating physician or surgeon and such physician or surgeon certifies that such
38 services are medically necessary and consequent to the treatment of the cleft lip or palate. The
39 coverage required by this section is subject to the terms and conditions applicable to other
40 benefits. Payment for dental or orthodontic treatment not related to the management of the
41 congenital condition of cleft lip and cleft palate shall not be covered under this provision.

42 SECTION 4. Section 110 of Chapter 175 is hereby amended by adding the following
43 section:

44 Section N. Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the
45 contrary, a health insurance policy that covers a child under the age of 18 must provide coverage
46 for treatment of cleft lip and cleft palate for the child. The coverage must include benefits for
47 medical, dental, oral and facial surgery, surgical management and follow-up care by oral and
48 plastic surgeons, orthodontic treatment and management, preventative and restorative dentistry to
49 insure good health and adequate dental structures for orthodontic treatment or prosthetic
50 management therapy, speech therapy, audiology, and nutrition services, only if such services are
51 prescribed by the treating physician or surgeon and such physician or surgeon certifies that such
52 services are medically necessary and consequent to the treatment of the cleft lip or palate. The
53 coverage required by this section is subject to the terms and conditions applicable to other
54 benefits. Payment for dental or orthodontic treatment not related to the management of the
55 congenital condition of cleft lip and cleft palate shall not be covered under this provision.

56 SECTION 5. Chapter 176A of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the
57 following section:

Section 8CC. Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the contrary, a health insurance policy that covers a child under the age of 18 must provide coverage for treatment of cleft lip and cleft palate for the child. The coverage must include benefits for medical, dental, oral and facial surgery, surgical management and follow-up care by oral and plastic surgeons, orthodontic treatment and management, preventative and restorative dentistry to insure good health and adequate dental structures for orthodontic treatment or prosthetic management therapy, speech therapy, audiology, and nutrition services, only if such services are prescribed by the treating physician or surgeon and such physician or surgeon certifies that such services are medically necessary and consequent to the treatment of the cleft lip or palate. The coverage required by this section is subject to the terms and conditions applicable to other benefits. Payment for dental or orthodontic treatment not related to the management of the congenital condition of cleft lip and cleft palate shall not be covered under this provision.

SECTION 6. Chapter 176B of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:

Section 4CC. Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the contrary, a health insurance policy that covers a child under the age of 18 must provide coverage for treatment of cleft lip and cleft palate for the child. The coverage must include benefits for medical, dental, oral and facial surgery, surgical management and follow-up care by oral and plastic surgeons, orthodontic treatment and management, preventative and restorative dentistry to insure good health and adequate dental structures for orthodontic treatment or prosthetic management therapy, speech therapy, audiology, and nutrition services, only if such services are prescribed by the treating physician or surgeon and such physician or surgeon certifies that such services are medically necessary and consequent to the treatment of the cleft lip or palate. The

coverage required by this section is subject to the terms and conditions applicable to other benefits. Payment for dental or orthodontic treatment not related to the management of the congenital condition of cleft lip and cleft palate shall not be covered under this provision.

SECTION 7. Chapter 176G of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:

Section 4U. Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the contrary, a health insurance policy that covers a child under the age of 18 must provide coverage for treatment of cleft lip and cleft palate for the child. The coverage must include benefits for medical, dental, oral and facial surgery, surgical management and follow-up care by oral and plastic surgeons, orthodontic treatment and management, preventative and restorative dentistry to insure good health and adequate dental structures for orthodontic treatment or prosthetic management therapy, speech therapy, audiology, and nutrition services, only if such services are prescribed by the treating physician or surgeon and such physician or surgeon certifies that such services are medically necessary and consequent to the treatment of the cleft lip or palate. The coverage required by this section is subject to the terms and conditions applicable to other benefits. Payment for dental or orthodontic treatment not related to the management of the congenital condition of cleft lip and cleft palate shall not be covered under this provision.

SECTION 8. Chapter 176I of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:

Section 12. Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the contrary, a health insurance policy that covers a child under the age of 18 must provide coverage for treatment of cleft lip and cleft palate for the child. The coverage must include benefits for

103 medical, dental, oral and facial surgery, surgical management and follow-up care by oral and
104 plastic surgeons, orthodontic treatment and management, preventative and restorative dentistry to
105 insure good health and adequate dental structures for orthodontic treatment or prosthetic
106 management therapy, speech therapy, audiology, and nutrition services, only if such services are
107 prescribed by the treating physician or surgeon and such physician or surgeon certifies that such
108 services are medically necessary and consequent to the treatment of the cleft lip or palate. The
109 coverage required by this section is subject to the terms and conditions applicable to other
110 benefits. Payment for dental or orthodontic treatment not related to the management of the
111 congenital condition of cleft lip and cleft palate shall not be covered under this provision.