

HOUSE No. 2436

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Todd M. Smola, (BY REQUEST)

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 "medically necessary" speech therapy for Autism Spectrum disorders.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Kelly Simpkins

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

DATE ADDED:

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By Mr. Smola of Warren (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2436) of Kelly Simpkins relative to public employee health insurance coverage for medically necessary speech therapy for Autism Spectrum disorders. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act relative to "medically necessary" speech therapy for Autism Spectrum disorders.

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

- 1 Chapter 32A, section 25 (a) is hereby amended by adding the following section:-
- 2 “Medically necessary,” habilitative or rehabilitative care as defined in this chapter
- 3 includes, but is not limited to: pharmacy care; psychiatric care; psychological care; and
- 4 therapeutic care, including speech therapy; as well care not enumerated above, as determined by
- 5 a qualified medical professional.