

HOUSE No. 1024

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jeffrey Sánchez

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 physician assistants.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Jeffrey Sánchez</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>
<i>David T. Vieira</i>	<i>3rd Barnstable</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>

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By Mr. Sánchez of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1024) of Jeffrey Sánchez, David T. Vieira and James B. Eldridge for legislation to direct MassHealth to fully implement consumer choice of physician assistant services. Health Care Financing.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act relative to physician assistants.

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 e1/2 of section 8 of chapter 118E of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:- A
3 participating provider physician assistant practicing within the scope of such physician
4 assistant’s license, including all regulations requiring collaboration with or supervision by a
5 physician under section 9E of Chapter 112, shall be considered qualified within this Chapter’s
6 definition of primary care provider to an insured.

7 SECTION 2. Section 2 of chapter 176S of the of the General Laws, as appearing in 2012
8 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “commissioner”, in line 1, the
9 following words:- , the secretary of health and human services.

10 SECTION 3. Said section 2 of said chapter 176S, as so appearing, is hereby further
11 amended by inserting after the word “carriers”, in line 2, the following words:- including the

- 12 medical assistance program administered by the office of Medicaid pursuant to chapter 118E and
- 13 in accordance with Title XIX of the Social Security Act or any successor statute.