

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 898**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Robert M. Koczera***

*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 health insurance coverage for Devic's Disease.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Robert M. Koczera</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>	<i>1/15/2015</i>

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By Mr. Koczera of New Bedford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 898) of Robert M. Koczera relative to health insurance coverage for Devic’s Disease. Financial Services.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 941 OF 2013-2014.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act relative to health insurance coverage for Devic's Disease.

*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 is hereby amended by adding the  
2 following section:-

3 Section 27. The commission shall provide to any active or retired employee of the  
4 commonwealth who is insured under the group insurance commission coverage for IV/IG  
5 treatments for such persons who have been diagnosed with neuromyelitis optica, also known as  
6 Devic’s disease.

7 SECTION 2. Chapter 175 of the General Laws is herby amended by inserting after  
8 section 47AA the following section:-

9           Section 47 BB. Any individual policy of accident and sickness insurance issued pursuant  
10 to this chapter shall provide coverage for the cost of IV/IG treatments for persons who have been  
11 diagnosed with neuromyelitis optica also known as Devic’s disease.

12           SECTION 3. Chapter 176A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting the  
13 following section 8DD the following section:-

14           Section 8EE. Any contract between a subscriber and the corporation under an individual  
15 or group hospital service plan that is delivered, issued or renewed within or without the  
16 commonwealth shall provide coverage for the cost of IV/IG treatments for persons who have  
17 been diagnosed with neuromyelitis optica, also known as Devic’s disease.

18           SECTION 4. Chapter 176B of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
19 section 4DD the following section:-

20           Section 4EE. Any subscription certificate under and individual or group medical service  
21 agreement which is delivered, issued for delivery or renewed in the commonwealth, pursuant to  
22 this chapter, shall provide coverage for the cost of IV/IG treatments for persons who have been  
23 diagnosed with neuromyelitis optica, also known as Devic’s disease.

24           SECTION 5. Chapter 176G of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
25 section 4V the following section:-

26           Section 4U. A health maintenance contract shall provide coverage for the cost of IV/IG  
27 treatments for persons who have been diagnosed with neuromyelitis optica, also known as  
28 Devic’s disease.