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HOUSE . . . . . No. 950

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John W. Scibak

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 amending Chapter 234 of the Acts of 2012.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
John W. Scibak	*2nd Hampshire*	*1/15/2015*

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HOUSE . . . . . No. 950

By Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 950) of John W. Scibak for legislation to require that individual policies of accident and sickness insurance cover the cost of treating cleft lip and cleft palate for children. Financial Services.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act amending Chapter 234 of the Acts of 2012.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 176B is hereby further amended by striking out section 4EE, inserted by section 5 of chapter 234 of the acts of 2012, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

"Section 4GG. Any subscription certificate under an individual or group medical service agreement, except certificates that provide supplemental coverage to Medicare or other governmental programs, issued, delivered or renewed within or without the commonwealth, that covers a child under the age of 18 shall provide coverage for the cost of treating cleft lip and cleft palate for the child. The coverage shall 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 ensure good health and adequate dental structures for orthodontic treatment or prosthetic management therapy, speech therapy, audiology and nutrition services, 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, cleft palate or both. The coverage required by this section shall be subject to the terms and conditions applicable to other benefits. Payment for dental or orthodontic treatment not related to the management of the congenital conditions of cleft lip and cleft palate shall not be covered under this section."