

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3574**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Paul McMurtry and Michael F. Rush***

*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 expanding coverage of dental procedures.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/20/2017</i>
<i>Michael F. Rush</i>	<i>Norfolk and Suffolk</i>	<i>1/23/2017</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>11/7/2017</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>11/7/2017</i>
<i>Brian Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>11/7/2017</i>

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By Representative McMurtry of Dedham and Senator Rush, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3574) of Paul McMurtry, Michael F. Rush and others relative to expanding coverage of dental procedures. Financial Services.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act expanding coverage of dental procedures.

*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 inserting after  
2 section 17O, as inserted by chapter 233 of the acts 2016, the following section:-

3 Section 17P. Any coverage offered by the commission to an active or retired employee of  
4 the commonwealth insured under the group insurance commission shall provide coverage for a  
5 dental procedure that is related to or resulting from a medical condition for which coverage is  
6 provided.

7 SECTION 2. Chapter 118E of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
8 section 10J, as inserted by chapter 233 of the acts 2016, the following section:-

9 Section 10K. The division shall provide coverage for a dental procedure that is related to  
10 or resulting from a medical condition for which coverage is provided.

11 SECTION 3. Chapter 175 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
12 section 47II, as inserted by chapter 233 of the acts 2016, the following section:-

13 Section 47JJ. A policy, contract, agreement, plan or certificate of insurance issued,  
14 delivered or renewed within the commonwealth that provides medical expense coverage shall  
15 provide coverage for a dental procedure that is related to or resulting from a medical condition  
16 for which coverage is provided.

17 SECTION 4. Chapter 176A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
18 section 8KK, as inserted by chapter 233 of the acts 2016, the following section:-

19 Section 8LL. A contract between a subscriber and the corporation under an individual or  
20 group hospital service plan that is delivered, issued or renewed within the commonwealth shall  
21 provide coverage for a dental procedure that is related to or resulting from a medical condition  
22 for which coverage is provided.

23 SECTION 5. Chapter 176B of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
24 section 4KK, as inserted by chapter 233 of the acts 2016, the following section:-

25 Section 4LL. A subscription certificate under an individual or group medical service  
26 agreement delivered, issued or renewed within the commonwealth shall provide coverage for a  
27 dental procedure that is related to or resulting from a medical condition for which coverage is  
28 provided.

29 SECTION 6. Chapter 176G of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
30 section 4CC, as inserted by chapter 233 of the acts 2016, the following section:-

31           Section 4DD. An individual or group health maintenance contract shall provide  
32 coverage for a dental procedure that is related to or resulting from a medical condition for which  
33 coverage is provided.