

HOUSE No. 1053

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul McMurtry

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>1/17/2019</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>

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By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1053) of Paul McMurtry, Susannah M. Whipps and José F. Tosado relative to expanding coverage of dental procedures. Financial Services.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3574 OF 2017-2018.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

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.