

HOUSE No. 4717

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Paul W. Mark

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 providing for a MassHealth expansion in response to COVID-19.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>3/18/2020</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/18/2020</i>
<i>Nika C. Elugardo</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/19/2020</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>	<i>3/19/2020</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/19/2020</i>
<i>Maria Duaine Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/19/2020</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/19/2020</i>
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>	<i>3/19/2020</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>3/19/2020</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>3/19/2020</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/20/2020</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>	<i>3/20/2020</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>	<i>3/20/2020</i>
<i>Adrian C. Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>	<i>3/20/2020</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>	<i>3/20/2020</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/20/2020</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>	<i>3/23/2020</i>

<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>3/23/2020</i>
<i>William L. Crocker, Jr.</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>	<i>3/23/2020</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>	<i>3/23/2020</i>
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>	<i>3/25/2020</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>3/25/2020</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>	<i>3/25/2020</i>
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/25/2020</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>3/25/2020</i>
<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	<i>3/26/2020</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	<i>3/26/2020</i>

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By Representatives Sabadosa of Northampton and Mark of Peru, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa and others that all persons who become unemployed as a result of COVID-19 have access to MassHealth coverage. Health Care Financing.

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

An Act providing for a MassHealth expansion in response to COVID-19.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to ensure all persons who become unemployed as a result of COVID-19 have access to MassHealth coverage, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health.

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 9A of chapter 118E of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the
2 following subsection:-

3 (17) The division shall expand MassHealth eligibility to all persons who qualify for
4 unemployment benefits under Chapter 151A and all who are directly impacted by the COVID-19
5 state of emergency declarations of March, 2020.