

HOUSE No. 92

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Daniel Cahill

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 improving treatment and continuity of care for patients living with HIV.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Daniel Cahill</i>	<i>10th Essex</i>	<i>1/10/2019</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>1/23/2019</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/28/2019</i>

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By Mr. Cahill of Lynn, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 92) of Daniel Cahill, Timothy R. Whelan and Sean Garballey relative to Division of Medical Assistance coverage for the treatment and continuity of care for patients living with HIV. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

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

An Act relative to improving treatment and continuity of care for patients living with HIV.

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: Section 10J of Chapter 118e of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following new
3 paragraph:-

4 The division shall provide coverage for drug treatments for antiretroviral regimens used
5 in the treatment of patients with HIV and AIDS that is no more restrictive than the coverage
6 provided by the Massachusetts HIV Drug Assistance Program. The division shall provide
7 coverage for new antiretroviral regimens approved by the United States Food and Drug
8 Administration no later than 30 days after the final coverage determination by the Massachusetts
9 HIV Drug Assistance Program. The benefits in this section shall not be subject to utilization
10 management tools, including prior authorization, or step edits for any antiretroviral regimen
11 greater than what is being utilized by the Massachusetts HIV Drug Assistance Program.