

HOUSE No. 1060

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Marjorie C. Decker

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 removing barriers to non-opioid pain management.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/5/2021</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>2/5/2021</i>
<i>Steven C. Owens</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Jon Santiago</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>	<i>3/3/2021</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>	<i>3/9/2021</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>3/9/2021</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>7/22/2021</i>

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By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1060) of Marjorie C. Decker and others relative to healthcare coverage for non-opioid pain management. Financial Services.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act relative to removing barriers to non-opioid pain management.

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 47KK of Chapter 175, as appearing in the 2018 Official Edition, is
2 hereby amended by adding in subsection (a) the following paragraph:

3 Any policy, contract, agreement, plan or certificate of insurance issued, delivered or
4 renewed within the Commonwealth, which is considered creditable coverage under this section,
5 shall not require a member to obtain a preauthorization for alternative pain management services
6 identified by the carrier as necessary to comply with said guidelines developed by the division of
7 insurance.

8 SECTION 2. Section 8MM of Chapter 176A, as appearing in the 2018 Official Edition, is
9 hereby amended by adding in subsection (a) the following paragraph:

10 Any policy, contract, agreement, plan or certificate of insurance issued, delivered or
11 renewed within the Commonwealth, which is considered creditable coverage under this section,
12 shall not require a member to obtain a preauthorization for alternative pain management services

13 identified by the carrier as necessary to comply with said guidelines developed by the division of
14 insurance.

15 SECTION 3. Section 4MM of Chapter 176B, as appearing in the 2018 Official Edition, is
16 hereby amended by adding in subsection (a) the following paragraph:

17 Any policy, contract, agreement, plan or certificate of insurance issued, delivered or
18 renewed within the Commonwealth, which is considered creditable coverage under this section,
19 shall not require a member to obtain a preauthorization for alternative pain management services
20 identified by the carrier as necessary to comply with said guidelines developed by the division of
21 insurance.

22 SECTION 4. Section 4EE of Chapter 176G, as appearing in the 2018 Official Edition, is
23 hereby amended by adding in subsection (a) the following paragraph:

24 Any policy, contract, agreement, plan or certificate of insurance issued, delivered or
25 renewed within the commonwealth, which is considered creditable coverage under this section,
26 shall not require a member to obtain a preauthorization for alternative pain management services
27 identified by the carrier as necessary to comply with said guidelines developed by the division of
28 insurance.