

HOUSE No. 1997

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael P. Kushmerek

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 to further define medical necessity determinations.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Michael P. Kushmerek</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>	<i>1/13/2023</i>

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By Representative Kushmerek of Fitchburg, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1997) of Michael P. Kushmerek for legislation to further define medical necessity determinations. Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2109 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act to further define medical necessity determinations.

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 8a of Chapter 118E is amended by inserting the following new
2 sentence at the end of the definition “Medically Necessary Services” the following new sentence:
3 “Medical necessary services for mental health treatment shall be determined by the treating
4 clinician in consultation with the patient and noted in the patient’s medical record”.

5 SECTION 2: Section 16 (b) of Chapter 176O is amended by inserting the following new
6 sentence at the end after the word “restriction” the following new sentence. “Medical necessity
7 for mental health services shall be determined by the treating clinician in consultation with the
8 patient and noted in the patient’s medical record.”