

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kathleen R. LaNatra

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 certified medical assistant administration of immunization.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Kathleen R. LaNatra	12th Plymouth	1/18/2023
Christopher Hendricks	11th Bristol	1/25/2023

By Representative LaNatra of Kingston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2219) of Kathleen R. LaNatra and Christopher Hendricks relative to certified medical assistant administration of immunization. Public Health.

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

An Act relative to certified medical assistant administration of immunization.

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 265 of chapter 112 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020
2	Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out paragraphs (a) and (b) and inserting in place
3	thereof the following two sections: -
4	(a) As used in this section, the following words shall have the following meanings unless
5	the context clearly requires otherwise:
6	"Certified medical assistant", an individual who: (i) has graduated from a post-secondary
7	medical assisting education program accredited by the committee on allied health education and
8	accreditation of the American Medical Association or its successor, the Accrediting Bureau of
9	Health Education Schools or its successor or another certificate program that the commissioner
10	of public health may approve; (ii) is employed in a health care facility as defined in section 9C;
11	and (iii) performs basic administrative, clerical, and clinical duties upon the specific

authorization and under the direct supervision of a practitioner as defined in section 1 of chapter94C.

"Direct supervision", oversight of a certified medical assistant exercised by a practitioner, as defined in section 1 of chapter 94C, who is present in the facility and immediately available to furnish assistance and direction throughout the course of the performance of a delegated procedure; provided, however, that the practitioner shall not be required to be present in the room when the procedure is performed.

(b) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, a practitioner acting
within the practitioner's designated scope of practice may delegate the administration of an
immunization of a patient to a certified medical assistant.