

HOUSE No. 3586

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jon Santiago

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 supporting maternal and pediatric health.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Jon Santiago</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>

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By Representative Santiago of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3586) of Jon Santiago relative to healthcare insurance coverage for maternal and pediatric health. Financial Services.

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

An Act supporting maternal and pediatric 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 1. Chapter 32A of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the
2 following section:-

3 Section 33. Any coverage offered by the commission to an active or retired employee of
4 the commonwealth insured under the group insurance commission shall provide coverage for a
5 prenatal pediatric visit. The term ‘prenatal pediatric visit’ shall mean an appointment between a
6 pregnant person and a pediatrician to provide a foundation on which to build a positive, family-
7 pediatric professional partnership as recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

8 SECTION 2. Chapter 118E of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official
9 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 10Q, the following section:-

10 Section 10R. (a) The division and its contracted health insurers, health plans, health
11 maintenance organizations, behavioral health management firms and third-party administrators
12 under contract to a Medicaid managed care organization or primary care clinician shall provide

13 coverage for a prenatal pediatric visit. The term ‘prenatal pediatric visit’ shall mean an
14 appointment between a pregnant person and a pediatrician to provide a foundation on which to
15 build a positive, family-pediatric professional partnership as recommended by the American
16 Academy of Pediatrics.

17 (b) The division shall provide notice to its members regarding the coverage required by
18 this section. The notice shall be in writing and prominently positioned in any literature or
19 correspondence sent to members and shall be transmitted to members within calendar year when
20 annual information is made available to members, or in any other mailing or communication to
21 members.

22 SECTION 3. Chapter 175 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
23 section 47TT the following section:-

24 Section 47UU. Any policy, contract, agreement, plan or certificate of insurance issued,
25 delivered or renewed within the commonwealth that provides medical expense coverage shall
26 provide coverage for a prenatal pediatric visit. The term ‘prenatal pediatric visit’ shall mean an
27 appointment between a pregnant person and a pediatrician to provide a foundation on which to
28 build a positive, family-pediatric professional partnership as recommended by the American
29 Academy of Pediatrics.

30 SECTION 4. Chapter 176A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
31 section 8UU the following section:-

32 Section 8VV. A contract between a subscriber and the corporation under an individual or
33 group hospital service plan which is delivered, issued or renewed within the commonwealth shall

34 provide coverage for a prenatal pediatric visit. The term ‘prenatal pediatric visit’ shall
35 mean an appointment between a pregnant person and a pediatrician to provide a foundation on
36 which to build a positive, family-pediatric professional partnership as recommended by the
37 American Academy of Pediatrics.

38 SECTION 5. Chapter 176B of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
39 section 4UU the following section:-

40 Section 4VV. Any subscription certificate under an individual or group medical service
41 agreement delivered, issued or renewed within the commonwealth shall provide coverage for a
42 prenatal pediatric visit. The term ‘prenatal pediatric visit’ shall mean an appointment between a
43 pregnant person and a pediatrician to provide a foundation on which to build a positive, family-
44 pediatric professional partnership as recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

45 SECTION 6. Chapter 176G of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
46 section 4MM the following section:-

47 Section 4NN. Any individual or group health maintenance contract shall provide
48 coverage for a prenatal pediatric visit. The term ‘prenatal pediatric visit’ shall mean an
49 appointment between a pregnant person and a pediatrician to provide a foundation on which to
50 build a positive, family-pediatric professional partnership as recommended by the American
51 Academy of Pediatrics.