

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1165**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Sean Garballey and Ryan M. Hamilton*

*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 providing for certain health insurance coverage.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/16/2025</i>
<i>Ryan M. Hamilton</i>	<i>15th Essex</i>	<i>1/16/2025</i>

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By Representatives Garballey of Arlington and Hamilton of Methuen, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1165) of Sean Garballey and Ryan M. Hamilton relative to providing certain health insurance coverage. Financial Services.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1015 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act providing for certain health insurance coverage.

*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 17A of chapter 32A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place  
3 thereof the following 4 sentences:-

4 The commission shall provide to any active or retired employee of the commonwealth  
5 who is insured under the group insurance commission coverage for the cost of enteral formulas  
6 for home use, whether administered orally or via tube feeding, for which a physician has issued a  
7 written order. Such written order shall state that the enteral formula is clearly medically  
8 necessary and has been proven effective as a disease-specific treatment regimen for those  
9 individuals who are or will become malnourished or suffer from disorders, which if left  
10 untreated, cause chronic physical or intellectual disability or death. Specific diseases for which

11 enteral formulas have been proven effective shall include, but are not limited to, inherited  
12 diseases of amino acid or organic acid metabolism; eosinophilic gastrointestinal disorders;  
13 Crohn's Disease; gastroesophageal reflux with failure to thrive; disorders of gastrointestinal  
14 motility such as chronic intestinal pseudo-obstruction; and multiple, severe food allergies, which  
15 if left untreated will cause malnourishment, chronic physical or intellectual disability or death.  
16 Enteral formulas which are medically necessary and taken under written order from a physician  
17 for the treatment of specific diseases shall be distinguished from nutritional supplements taken  
18 electively.

19 SECTION 2. Section 47I of chapter 175 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
20 amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following 4  
21 sentences:-

22 Any individual policy of accident and sickness insurance issued pursuant to section 108,  
23 and any group blanket policy of accident and sickness insurance issued pursuant to section 110,  
24 shall provide coverage for the cost of enteral formulas for home use, whether administered orally  
25 or via tube feeding, for which a physician has issued a written order. Such written order shall  
26 state that the enteral formula is clearly medically necessary and has been proven effective as a  
27 disease-specific treatment regimen for those individuals who are or will become malnourished or  
28 suffer from disorders, which if left untreated, cause chronic physical or intellectual disability or  
29 death. Specific diseases for which enteral formulas have been proven effective shall include, but  
30 are not limited to, inherited diseases of amino acid or organic acid metabolism; eosinophilic  
31 gastrointestinal disorders; Crohn's Disease; gastroesophageal reflux with failure to thrive;  
32 disorders of gastrointestinal motility such as chronic intestinal pseudo-obstruction; and multiple,  
33 severe food allergies, which if left untreated will cause malnourishment, chronic physical or

34 intellectual disability or death. Enteral formulas which are medically necessary and taken under  
35 written order from a physician for the treatment of specific diseases shall be distinguished from  
36 nutritional supplements taken electively.

37 SECTION 3. Section 8L of chapter 176A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
38 amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following 4  
39 sentences:-

40 Any contract between a subscriber and the corporation under an individual or group  
41 hospital service plan that shall be delivered, issued or renewed in the commonwealth shall  
42 provide, as benefits to all individual subscribers and members within the commonwealth,  
43 coverage for the cost of enteral formulas for home use, whether administered orally or via tube  
44 feeding, for which a physician has issued a written order. Such written order shall state that the  
45 enteral formula is clearly medically necessary and has been proven effective as a disease-specific  
46 treatment regimen for those individuals who are or will become malnourished or suffer from  
47 disorders, which if left untreated, cause chronic physical or intellectual disability or death.  
48 Specific diseases for which enteral formulas have been proven effective shall include, but are not  
49 limited to, inherited diseases of amino acid or organic acid metabolism; eosinophilic  
50 gastrointestinal disorders; Crohn's Disease; gastroesophageal reflux with failure to thrive;  
51 disorders of gastrointestinal motility such as chronic intestinal pseudo-obstruction; and multiple,  
52 severe food allergies, which if left untreated will cause malnourishment, chronic physical or  
53 intellectual disability or death. Enteral formulas which are medically necessary and taken under  
54 written order from a physician for the treatment of specific diseases shall be distinguished from  
55 nutritional supplements taken electively.

56 SECTION 4. Section 4K of chapter 176B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
57 amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following 4  
58 sentences:-

59 Any subscription certificate under an individual or group medical service agreement that  
60 shall be delivered, issued or renewed in the commonwealth shall provide, as benefits to all  
61 individual subscribers and members within the commonwealth, all group members having a  
62 principal place of employment within the commonwealth and all persons included in section 4C,  
63 coverage for the cost of enteral formulas for home use, whether administered orally or via tube  
64 feeding, for which a physician has issued a written order. Such written order shall state that the  
65 enteral formula is clearly medically necessary and has been proven effective as a disease-specific  
66 treatment regimen for those individuals who are or will become malnourished or suffer from  
67 disorders, which if left untreated, cause chronic physical or intellectual disability or death.  
68 Specific diseases for which enteral formulas have been proven effective shall include, but are not  
69 limited to, inherited diseases of amino acid or organic acid metabolism; eosinophilic  
70 gastrointestinal disorders; Crohn's Disease; gastroesophageal reflux with failure to thrive;  
71 disorders of gastrointestinal motility such as chronic intestinal pseudo-obstruction; and multiple,  
72 severe food allergies, which if left untreated will cause malnourishment, chronic physical or  
73 intellectual disability or death. Enteral formulas which are medically necessary and taken under  
74 written order from a physician for the treatment of specific diseases shall be distinguished from  
75 nutritional supplements taken electively.

76 SECTION 5. Section 4D of chapter 176G of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
77 amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following 4  
78 sentences:-

79           A group health maintenance contract shall provide coverage for the cost of enteral  
80 formulas for home use, whether administered orally or via tube feeding, for which a physician  
81 has issued a written order. Such written order shall state that the enteral formula is clearly  
82 medically necessary and has been proven effective as a disease-specific treatment regimen for  
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