

HOUSE No. 1224

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Sally P. Kerans

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 insurance coverage for biennial echocardiograms for persons under the age of 18.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Sally P. Kerans</i>	<i>13th Essex</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>

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By Representative Kerans of Danvers, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1224) of Sally P. Kerans relative to providing insurance coverage for biennial echocardiograms and concussion analyses for persons under eighteen years of age. Financial Services.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1067 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act providing insurance coverage for biennial echocardiograms for persons under the age of 18.

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 inserting after
2 section 17O the following section:-

3 Section 17P. 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
5 biennial echocardiogram and concussion analysis for persons between the ages of five and
6 eighteen.

7 SECTION 2. Chapter 175 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
8 inserting after section 47II, the following section:-

9 Section 47JJ. Any policy, contract, agreement, plan or certificate of insurance issued,
10 delivered or renewed within the commonwealth that provides medical expense coverage shall
11 provide coverage for biennial echocardiogram and concussion analysis for persons between the
12 ages of five and eighteen.

13 SECTION 3. Chapter 176A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
14 inserting after section 8KK the following section:-

15 Section 8LL. Any contract between a subscriber and the corporation under an individual
16 or group hospital service plan which is delivered, issued or renewed within the commonwealth
17 shall provide coverage for biennial echocardiogram and concussion analysis for persons between
18 the ages of five and eighteen.

19 SECTION 4. Chapter 176B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
20 inserting after section 4KK, the following section:-

21 Section 4LL. Any subscription certificate under an individual or group medical service
22 agreement delivered, issued, or renewed within the commonwealth shall provide coverage for
23 biennial echocardiogram and concussion analysis for persons between the ages of five and
24 eighteen.

25 SECTION 5. Chapter 176G of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
26 inserting after section 4CC the following section:-

27 Section 4DD. Any individual or group health maintenance contract shall provide
28 coverage for biennial echocardiogram and concussion analysis for persons between the ages of
29 five and eighteen.