

HOUSE No. 1382

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John J. Lawn, Jr.

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 promote continuity of health coverage for children.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/17/2025</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2025</i>
<i>Greg Schwartz</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>	<i>7/10/2025</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>7/17/2025</i>

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By Representative Lawn of Watertown, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1382) of John J. Lawn, Jr., and Sean Garballey for legislation to promote continuity of health coverage for children eligible for MassHealth. Health Care Financing.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1214 OF 2023-2024.]

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

An Act to promote continuity of health coverage for children.

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 9A of chapter 118E of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:-

3 (17)(a) Residents of the commonwealth under age 19 who are enrolled in MassHealth
4 shall qualify for at least 12 months of continuous eligibility.

5 (b) Continuous eligibility established under clause (a) shall not apply in the following
6 circumstances: (i) the child turns 19, except when MassHealth provides continuous eligibility to
7 residents over age 19; (ii) the child ceases to be a state resident; (iii) the child or the child’s
8 representative requests voluntary disenrollment; (iv) eligibility is determined to have been

9 erroneously granted because of agency error or fraud, abuse, or perjury attributed to the child or
10 the child's representative; or (v) the child is deceased.

11 (c) The executive office of health and human services shall maximize federal financial
12 participation for the coverage and benefits under this subsection; provided, however, that
13 coverage and benefits provided under this subsection shall not only be contingent upon the
14 availability of federal financial participation.