

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Sean Garbally

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 increasing access to ABA services by recognizing assistant level providers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Sean Garballey	23rd Middlesex	7/31/2025
Susannah M. Whipps	2nd Franklin	8/13/2025
John J. Marsi	6th Worcester	9/4/2025
Joseph D. McKenna	18th Worcester	9/4/2025
Russell E. Holmes	6th Suffolk	9/15/2025
Danillo A. Sena	37th Middlesex	9/15/2025
Steven George Xiarhos	5th Barnstable	10/23/2025
Lisa Field	3rd Bristol	10/23/2025

By Representative Garballey of Arlington, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Sean Garballey relative to Medicaid coverage for autism treatment and assistive technologies. Health Care Financing.

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

An Act increasing access to ABA services by recognizing assistant level providers.

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 10H of Chapter 118E of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the first paragraph and inserting in place thereof the
3 following paragraph:-

4 "Section 10H. Subject to the availability of federal financial participation, the division
5 shall cover medically necessary treatments for persons younger than 21 years old who are
6 receiving medical coverage under this chapter and who are diagnosed with an autism spectrum
7 disorder by a licensed physician or a licensed psychologist. If federal funds are available to the
8 commonwealth, said coverage shall include, but shall not be limited to, services for applied
9 behavior analysis rendered by Behavior Technicians, Licensed Assistant Applied Behavior
10 Analysts and Licensed Applied Behavior Analysts supervised by a licensed applied behavior
11 analyst and dedicated and non-dedicated augmentative and alternative communication devices,
12 including, but not limited to medically necessary tablets; provided, however, that the division

13 shall also provide coverage for augmentative and alternative communication devices not eligible
14 for federal funds if the total cost incurred by the division for a device that is not eligible for
15 federal funds is not more than the commonwealth's share of a comparable device that is eligible
16 for federal funds."