

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael P. Kushmerek

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 exempting medications used for the treatment of opioid use disorder from the prior approval process under the Massachusetts Medicaid program.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

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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 51A of Chapter 118E of the Massachusetts General Laws, is hereby
2 amended in paragraph (a) by striking the definition of “Step Therapy Protocol” and inserting in
3 place thereof the following new definition: --

4 “Step Therapy Protocol”, a utilization management policy or program that establishes the
5 specific sequence in which a prescription drug for a specified medical condition is covered by
6 the division or an entity with which the division contracts to provide or manage health insurance
7 benefits; provided, however, the provisions of such utilization management policy or program
8 and any regulations requiring prior authorization for prescription drugs shall not apply to any
9 medications prescribed by a health care provider for the treatment of opioid use disorder.