

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patrick Joseph Kearney

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 for better habilitative and rehabilitative care for the neurodevelopmental condition
stuttering.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>4/16/2025</i>

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By Representative Kearney of Scituate, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Patrick Joseph Kearney relative to insurance coverage for habilitative and rehabilitative care for the neurodevelopmental condition stuttering. Financial Services.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act for better habilitative and rehabilitative care for the neurodevelopmental condition stuttering.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Any health insurance policy, certificate, plan, or contract, including but not limited to a
2 health benefit plan, that provides coverage for:

3 Habilitative services, shall provide coverage for habilitative speech therapy as a treatment
4 for stuttering, regardless of whether the stuttering is classified as developmental.

5 Rehabilitative services, shall provide coverage for rehabilitative speech therapy as a
6 treatment for stuttering; or

7 Both habilitative services and rehabilitative services, shall provide the coverage required
8 under paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection.

9 (2) The coverage required under subsection (2) of this section shall: Not be:

10 Subject to any maximum annual benefit limit, including any limits on the number of
11 visits an insured may make to a speech-language pathologist.

12 Limited based on the type of disease, injury, disorder, or other medical condition that
13 resulted in the stuttering.

14 Limited to cases of childhood stuttering.

15 Not be less than the coverage required for health benefit plans; and include the use of any
16 communication technology, application, or platform to deliver telehealth services, except
17 coverage may be restricted to technology, applications, or platforms that are compliant with any
18 applicable privacy provisions of the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
19 of 1996, 42 U.S.C. sec. 1320d et seq., as amended. Include service codes 92507 (individual
20 service) and 92508 (group service)

21 This act shall take effect in 60 days.

22 Schedule

23 Amendments to 101 CMR 339.04 Fee Schedule

24 Service Code Allowable Fee Service Description

25 92507 \$150 Treatment of speech, language, voice, communication, fluency and/or
26 auditory processing disorder; individual (maximum one unit per visit)

27 92508 \$65 Treatment of speech, language, voice, communication, and/or auditory
28 processing disorder; group, two or more individuals (maximum one unit per visit)

29 92521 \$350 Evaluation of speech fluency (e.g., stuttering, cluttering)