

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Lindsay N. Sabadosa

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 assuring prompt access to health care.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>1/9/2025</i>

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

An Act assuring prompt access to health care.

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 adding at the end
2 the following new section:

3 Section 28: Reimbursement of costs for medically appropriate evaluation and
4 management services in outpatient settings, including but not limited to office- and hospital-
5 based clinics, in accordance with guidelines developed by the division of insurance, shall be part
6 of a basic benefits package offered by the insurer or a third party and shall not require a
7 deductible; provided, however, that deductibles shall be required if the applicable plan is
8 governed by the Federal Internal Revenue Code and would lose its tax-exempt status as a result
9 of the prohibition on deductibles for these services.

10 SECTION 2. Chapter 32B of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding at the end
11 the following new section:

12 Section 30: Reimbursement of costs for medically appropriate evaluation and
13 management services in outpatient settings, including but not limited to office- and hospital-

14 based clinics, in accordance with guidelines developed by the division of insurance, shall be part
15 of a basic benefits package offered by the insurer or a third party and shall not require a
16 deductible; provided, however, that deductibles shall be required if the applicable plan is
17 governed by the Federal Internal Revenue Code and would lose its tax-exempt status as a result
18 of the prohibition on deductibles for these services.

19 SECTION 3. Chapter 175 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting the
20 following section:-

21 Section 47LL: Reimbursement of costs for medically appropriate evaluation and
22 management services in outpatient settings, including but not limited to office- and hospital-
23 based clinics, in accordance with guidelines developed by the division of insurance, shall be part
24 of a basic benefits package offered by the insurer or a third party and shall not require a
25 deductible; provided, however, that deductibles shall be required if the applicable plan is
26 governed by the Federal Internal Revenue Code and would lose its tax-exempt status as a result
27 of the prohibition on deductibles for these services.

28 SECTION 4. Chapter 176A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting the
29 following section:-

30 Section 8NN: Reimbursement of costs for medically appropriate evaluation and
31 management services in outpatient settings, including but not limited to office- and hospital-
32 based clinics, in accordance with guidelines developed by the division of insurance, shall be part
33 of a basic benefits package offered by the insurer or a third party and shall not require a
34 deductible; provided, however, that deductibles shall be required if the applicable plan is

35 governed by the Federal Internal Revenue Code and would lose its tax-exempt status as a result
36 of the prohibition on deductibles for these services.

37 SECTION 5. Chapter 176B of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting the
38 following section:-

39 Section 4NN: Reimbursement of costs for medically appropriate evaluation and
40 management services in outpatient settings, including but not limited to office- and hospital-
41 based clinics, in accordance with guidelines developed by the division of insurance, shall be part
42 of a basic benefits package offered by the insurer or a third party and shall not require a
43 deductible; provided, however, that a deductible shall be required if the applicable plan is
44 governed by the Federal Internal Revenue Code and would lose its tax-exempt status as a result
45 of the prohibition on deductibles for these services.

46 SECTION 6. Chapter 176G of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting the
47 following new section 33:-

48 Section 33: Reimbursement of costs for medically appropriate evaluation and
49 management services in outpatient settings, including but not limited to office- and hospital-
50 based clinics, in accordance with guidelines developed by the division of insurance, shall be part
51 of a basic benefits package offered by the insurer or a third party and shall not require a
52 deductible; provided, however, that a deductible shall be required if the applicable plan is
53 governed by the Federal Internal Revenue Code and would lose its tax-exempt status as a result
54 of the prohibition on deductibles for these services.