

**SENATE . . . . . No. 818**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Pavel M. Payano*

*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 relative to eliminating the PCP referral requirement for specialty gynecological care.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Pavel M. Payano</i>	<i>First Essex</i>	
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex</i>	<i>10/6/2025</i>

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By Mr. Payano, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 818) of Pavel M. Payano for legislation to eliminate the PCP referral requirement for specialty gynecological care. Financial Services.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act relative to eliminating the PCP referral requirement for specialty gynecological 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            Subsection (g) of section 15 of chapter 176O of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
2 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place  
3 thereof the following sentence:- No carrier shall require an insured to obtain a referral or prior  
4 authorization from a primary care provider for specialty care provided by an obstetrician,  
5 gynecologist, certified nurse-midwife or family practitioner participating in such carrier's health  
6 care provider network for the following: (i) annual preventive gynecologic health examinations,  
7 including any subsequent obstetric or gynecological services determined by such obstetrician,  
8 gynecologist, certified nurse-midwife or family practitioner to be medically necessary as a result  
9 of such examination; (ii) preventative gynecologic health care and menstrual health conditions  
10 such as abnormal uterine bleeding, dysmenorrhea and pelvic pain; (iii) maternity care; and (iv)  
11 medically necessary evaluations and resultant health care services for acute or emergency  
12 gynecological conditions.