

**SENATE . . . . . No. 881**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Jason M. Lewis*

*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 providing Medicaid coverage for tobacco cessation programs.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	<i>4/3/2025</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>4/8/2025</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>6/12/2025</i>

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By Mr. Lewis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 881) of Jason M. Lewis for legislation to provide Medicaid coverage for tobacco cessation. Health Care Financing.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 768 OF 2023-2024.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act providing Medicaid coverage for tobacco cessation programs.

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

1 Chapter 118E of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting at the end of section

2 10M the following:-

3 “provided further that “tobacco use cessation counseling” shall include individual, group

4 and phone counseling by a physician, dentist, behavioral health counselor, mental health

5 counselor, certified tobacco use cessation counselor, or other qualified clinician.”