

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Pavel 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:

*Pavel Payano*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*First Essex*

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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           SECTION 1. Subsection (g) of section 15 of chapter 176O of the General Laws, as  
2 appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and  
3 inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- No carrier shall require an insured to obtain a  
4 referral or prior authorization from a primary care provider for specialty care provided by an  
5 obstetrician, gynecologist, certified nurse-midwife or family practitioner participating in such  
6 carrier's health care provider network for the following: (i) annual preventive gynecologic health  
7 examinations, including any subsequent obstetric or gynecological services determined by such  
8 obstetrician, gynecologist, certified nurse-midwife or family practitioner to be medically  
9 necessary as a result of such examination; (ii) preventative gynecologic health care and  
10 menstrual health conditions such as abnormal uterine bleeding, dysmenorrhea and pelvic pain;  
11 (iii) maternity care; and (iv) medically necessary evaluations and resultant health care services  
12 for acute or emergency gynecological conditions.