

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1044**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Elizabeth A. Malia***

*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 ensuring access to recovery coaches.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>
<i>William L. Crocker, Jr.</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>
<i>Paul Brodeur</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Michael S. Day</i>	<i>31st Middlesex</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>William C. Galvin</i>	<i>6th Norfolk</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>
<i>Jon Santiago</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>

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By Ms. Malia of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1044) of Elizabeth A. Malia and others relative to health insurance coverage for substance abuse services provided by certified addiction recovery coaches. Financial Services.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2182 OF 2017-2018.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act ensuring access to recovery coaches.

*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, as appearing in the 2016 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 17O the following new section:-

3           Section 17P. The commission shall provide to an active or retired employee of the  
4 commonwealth who is insured under the group insurance commission coverage for the cost of  
5 substance use disorder services provided by a certified addiction recovery coach, as part of a  
6 substance use disorder treatment team and under the supervision of qualified supervisory staff.

7           Certified addiction recovery coach is defined as an individual who was certified by and in  
8 good standing with the Massachusetts Board of Substance Abuse Counselor Certification.

9 SECTION 2. Chapter 118E of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
10 inserting after section 10L, inserted by section 71 of chapter 208 of the acts of 2018, the  
11 following new section:-

12 Section 10M. The division and its contracted health insurers, health plans, health  
13 maintenance organizations, behavioral health management firms and third party administrators  
14 under contract to a Medicaid managed care organization or primary care clinician plan shall  
15 cover the cost of substance use disorder services provided by a certified addiction recovery  
16 coach, as part of a substance use disorder treatment team and under the supervision of qualified  
17 supervisory staff.

18 Certified addiction recovery coach is defined as an individual who was certified by and in  
19 good standing with the Massachusetts Board of Substance Abuse Counselor Certification.

20 SECTION 3. Chapter 175 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is amended by inserting  
21 after Section 47II, the following new section:-

22 Section 47JJ. A policy, contract, agreement, plan or certificate of insurance issued,  
23 delivered or renewed within the commonwealth that provides medical expense coverage shall  
24 cover the cost of substance use disorder services provided by a certified addiction recovery  
25 coach, as part of a substance use disorder treatment team and under the supervision of qualified  
26 supervisory staff.

27 Certified addiction recovery coach is defined as an individual who was certified by and in  
28 good standing with the Massachusetts Board of Substance Abuse Counselor Certification.

29 SECTION 4. Chapter 176A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is amended by  
30 inserting after section 8MM, inserted by section 85 of chapter 208 of the acts of 2018, the  
31 following new section:-

32 Section 8NN. Any contract between a subscriber and the corporation under an individual  
33 or group hospital service plan which is delivered, issued or renewed within the commonwealth  
34 shall cover the cost of substance use disorder services provided by a certified addiction recovery  
35 coach, as part of a substance use disorder treatment team and under the supervision of qualified  
36 supervisory staff.

37 Certified addiction recovery coach is defined as an individual who was certified by and in  
38 good standing with the Massachusetts Board of Substance Abuse Counselor Certification.

39 SECTION 5. Chapter 176B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is amended by  
40 inserting after Section 4MM, inserted by section 88 of chapter 208 of the acts of 2018, the  
41 following new section:-

42 Section 4NN. Any subscription certificate under an individual or group medical service  
43 agreement delivered, issued or renewed within the commonwealth shall cover the cost of  
44 substance use disorder services provided by a certified addiction recovery coach, as part of a  
45 substance use disorder treatment team and under the supervision of qualified supervisory staff.

46 Certified addiction recovery coach is defined as an individual who was certified by and in  
47 good standing with the Massachusetts Board of Substance Abuse Counselor Certification.

48           SECTION 6. Chapter 176G of the General Laws, as so appearing, is amended by  
49 inserting after Section 4EE, inserted by section 91 of chapter 208 of the acts of 2018, the  
50 following new section:-

51           Section 4FF. Any individual or group health maintenance contract shall cover the cost of  
52 substance use disorder services provided by a certified addiction recovery coach, as part of a  
53 substance use disorder treatment team and under the supervision of qualified supervisory staff.

54           Certified addiction recovery coach is defined as an individual who was certified by and in  
55 good standing with the Massachusetts Board of Substance Abuse Counselor Certification.