

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 relative to dual diagnosis treatment coverage.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Elizabeth A. Malia	11th Suffolk	2/19/2021
Lindsay N. Sabadosa	1st Hampshire	2/24/2021
James B. Eldridge	Middlesex and Worcester	2/26/2021
Carlos González	10th Hampden	2/26/2021
Marcos A. Devers	16th Essex	3/22/2021

By Ms. Malia of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1147) of Elizabeth A. Malia and others relative to healthcare insurance coverage for dual diagnosis of mental illness and substance use disorders. Financial Services.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE HOUSE, NO. *1043* OF 2019-2020.]

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court (2021-2022)

An Act relative to dual diagnosis treatment coverage.

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. Section 17N of chapter 32A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018

2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "planning.", in line 10, the

3 following: -

Acute treatment services shall include any medically necessary services provided to
individuals who have a dual diagnosis of mental illness and substance use disorder and who are
receiving treatment in a facility licensed or certified by the department of mental health or the
department of public health.
SECTION 2. Section 10H of chapter 118E of the General Laws, as so appearing, is

9 hereby amended by inserting after the word "planning.", in line 26, the following: -

10	Acute treatment services shall include any medically necessary services provided to
11	individuals who have a dual diagnosis of mental illness and substance use disorder and who are
12	receiving treatment in a facility licensed or certified by the department of mental health or the
13	department of public health.
14	SECTION 3. Section 47GG of chapter 175 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is
15	hereby amended by inserting after the word "planning.", in line 10, the following: -
16	Acute treatment services shall include any medically necessary services provided to
17	individuals who have a dual diagnosis of mental illness and substance use disorder and who are
18	receiving treatment in a facility licensed or certified by the department of mental health or the
19	department of public health.
20	SECTION 4. Section 8II of chapter 176A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
21	amended by inserting after the word "planning.", in line 10, the following:-
22	Acute treatment services shall include any medically necessary services provided to
23	individuals who have a dual diagnosis of mental illness and substance use disorder and who are
24	receiving treatment in a facility licensed or certified by the department of mental health or the
25	department of public health.
26	SECTION 5. Section 4II of chapter 176B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
27	amended by inserting after the word "planning.", in line 10, the following: -
28	Acute treatment services shall include any medically necessary services provided to
29	individuals who have a dual diagnosis of mental illness and substance use disorder and who are

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30 receiving treatment in a facility licensed or certified by the department of mental health or the31 department of public health.

32	SECTION 6. Section 4AA of chapter 176G of the General Laws, as so appearing, is
33	hereby amended by inserting after the word "planning.", in line 10, the following: -
34	Acute treatment services shall include any medically necessary services provided to
35	individuals who have a dual diagnosis of mental illness and substance use disorder and who are
36	receiving treatment in a facility licensed or certified by the department of mental health or the
37	department of public health.