

HOUSE No. 1245

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Christine P. Barber

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 and information.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2021</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/16/2021</i>

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By Ms. Barber of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1245) of Christine P. Barber and others relative to providing Medicaid coverage for tobacco cessation programs and information. Health Care Financing.

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

An Act providing Medicaid coverage for tobacco cessation programs and information.

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 118E of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting at the
2 end of section 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.”

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