

HOUSE No. 2221

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James J. O'Day

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 oral health access for MassHealth patients.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>
<i>John J. Mahoney</i>	<i>13th Worcester</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>
<i>Rady Mom</i>	<i>18th Middlesex</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. O'Day of West Boylston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2221) of James J. O'Day and others relative to oral health access for MassHealth patients. Health Care Financing.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to oral health access for MassHealth patients.

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 112 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting the following section
2 after Section 45C:

3 Provided that the Medicaid dental reimbursement rates set by EOHHS are not less than
4 80% of the average commercial reimbursement rates, no dentist pursuant to the provisions in
5 Section 45 shall refuse a patient solely on the basis that services for said patients are reimbursed
6 by Medicaid. Dentists who deny dental services to MassHealth patients solely because of
7 MassHealth status shall be subject to disciplinary action by the Massachusetts Board of
8 Registration in Dentistry.

9 No less than six months after the implementation of this section, the EOHHS shall report
10 to this Committee the number and location of licensed Massachusetts dentists enrolled in
11 Medicaid and the number of licensed Massachusetts dentists who billed MassHealth for one or
12 more patients during the previous calendar year. No less than 18 months after implementation of

13 this section, the EEOHHS shall report to this Committee the number and location of licensed
14 Massachusetts dentists enrolled in Medicaid and the number of licensed Massachusetts dentists
15 who billed MassHealth for one or more patients during the calendar year, the first month of
16 which is the month this section is enacted. The Massachusetts Board of Registration in Dentistry
17 shall make this report publicly available on the front page of their government website and by
18 hard copy on request.