

HOUSE No. 920

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul Brodeur

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 insurance coverage for PANDAS/PANS.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Paul Brodeur</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Mark J. Cusack</i>	<i>5th Norfolk</i>
<i>RoseLee Vincent</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>
<i>Richard M. Haggerty</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>
<i>Adrian C. Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>
<i>Alice Hanlon Peisch</i>	<i>14th Norfolk</i>

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By Mr. Brodeur of Melrose, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 920) of Paul Brodeur and others relative to insurance coverage for pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome. Financial Services.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to insurance coverage for PANDAS/PANS.

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 is hereby amended by inserting after
2 section 17O the following section:-

3 Section 17P. The commission shall provide to any active or retired employee of the
4 commonwealth who is insured under the group insurance commission, coverage for treatment of
5 pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and
6 pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome. Said treatment shall include, but not be limited
7 to, the use of Intravenous immunoglobulin (IVIG) therapy.

8 SECTION 2. Chapter 175 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
9 section 47II the following section:-

10 Section 47JJ. Any policy, contract, agreement, plan or certificate of insurance issued,
11 delivered or renewed within the commonwealth shall provide coverage for treatment of pediatric

12 autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric
13 acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome. Said treatment shall include, but not be limited to, the
14 use of Intravenous immunoglobulin (IVIG) therapy.

15 SECTION 3. Chapter 176A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
16 section 8KK the following section:-

17 Section 8LL. Any contract between a subscriber and a corporation under an individual or
18 group hospital service plan delivered, issued or renewed within the commonwealth shall provide
19 coverage for treatment of pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with
20 streptococcal infections and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome. Said treatment
21 shall include, but not be limited to, the use of Intravenous immunoglobulin (IVIG) therapy.

22 SECTION 4. Chapter 176B of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
23 section 4KK the following section:-

24 Section 4LL. Any subscription certificate under an individual or group medical service
25 agreement delivered, issued or renewed within the commonwealth shall provide coverage for
26 treatment of pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal
27 infections and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome. Said treatment shall include, but
28 not be limited to, the use of Intravenous immunoglobulin (IVIG) therapy.

29 SECTION 5. Chapter 176G of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
30 section 4CC the following section:-

31 Section 4DD. Any individual or group health maintenance contract shall provide
32 coverage for treatment of pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with

- 33 streptococcal infections and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome. Said treatment
- 34 shall include, but not be limited to, the use of Intravenous immunoglobulin (IVIG) therapy.