

SENATE No. 00488

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Harriette L. Chandler

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act to include dental benefits in all Commonwealth Care Plans..

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| <i>Harriette L. Chandler</i> | <i>First Worcester</i> |
| <i>Jennifer L. Flanagan</i> | <i>Worcester and Middlesex</i> |
| <i>James E. Timilty</i> | <i>Bristol and Norfolk</i> |

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By Ms. Chandler, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 488) of Flanagan, Timilty and Chandler for legislation to include dental benefits in all commonwealth care plans [Joint Committee on Health Care Financing].

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
□ SENATE
□ , NO. 1038 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act to include dental benefits in all Commonwealth Care Plans..

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 1 of Chapter 118H of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the definition of “eligible health insurance
3 plan” and inserting in place thereof the following definition:-

4 “Eligible health insurance plan”, a health insurance plan that meets the criteria,
5 established by the board, for receiving premium assistance payments; provided, that such criteria
6 must require plans to include medically necessary dental services, including preventative and
7 restorative procedures; and provided further, that no eligible health insurance plan may require
8 an annual deductible.