

SENATE No. 762

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Sal N. DiDomenico

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 to ensure equitable health coverage for children.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>3/8/2021</i>

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By Mr. DiDomenico, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 762) of Sal N. DiDomenico and James B. Eldridge for legislation to ensure equitable health coverage for children. Health Care Financing.

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

An Act to ensure equitable health coverage for children.

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 118E of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by adding after Section 16D the following section:-

3 Section 16E. (1) Notwithstanding any other law, there is hereby established a program of
4 comprehensive health coverage for children and young adults under the age of 21 who are
5 residents of the Commonwealth, as defined under section 8 of this chapter, who are not
6 otherwise eligible for comprehensive benefits under Title XIX or XXI of the Social Security Act
7 or under the demonstration pursuant to Section 9A of this chapter solely due to their immigration
8 status. Children and young adults shall be eligible to receive comprehensive MassHealth benefits
9 equivalent to the benefits available to individuals of like age and income under categorical and
10 financial eligibility requirements established by the executive office pursuant to said Title XIX
11 and Title XXI.

12 (2) The executive office shall maximize federal financial participation for the benefits
13 provided under this section, however benefits under this section shall not be conditioned on the
14 availability of federal financial participation.