

SENATE No. 769

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Cindy F. Friedman

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 collaborative care.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Cindy F. Friedman

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Fourth Middlesex

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By Ms. Friedman, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 769) of Cindy F. Friedman for legislation relative to collaborative care. Health Care Financing.

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

An Act relative to collaborative care.

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 22 of Chapter 32A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:-

3 (j) For the purposes of this subsection, “psychiatric collaborative care model” shall mean
4 the evidence-based, integrated behavioral health service delivery method described in 81 FR
5 80230.

6 Any health plan offered by the commission shall provide reimbursement for mental
7 health or substance use disorder benefits that are delivered through the psychiatric collaborative
8 care model, which shall include the following current procedural terminology billing codes
9 established by the American Medical Association: (1) 99492; (2) 99493; and (3) 99494. The
10 commissioner of insurance shall update this list of codes through the promulgation of regulations
11 if there are any alterations or additions to the billing codes for the psychiatric collaborative care
12 model.

13 SECTION 2. Chapter 118E of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018 Official
14 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 10L the following section:-

15 Section 10M. For the purposes of this section, “psychiatric collaborative care model”
16 shall mean the evidence-based, integrated behavioral health service delivery method described in
17 81 FR 80230.

18 The division and its contracted health insurers, health plans, health maintenance
19 organizations, behavioral health management firms and third-party administrators under contract
20 to a Medicaid managed care organization or primary care clinician plan shall provide
21 reimbursement for mental health or substance use disorder benefits that are delivered through the
22 psychiatric collaborative care model, which shall include the following current procedural
23 terminology billing codes established by the American Medical Association: (1) 99492; (2)
24 99493; and (3) 99494. The division shall update this list of codes through the promulgation of
25 regulations if there are any alterations or additions to the billing codes for the psychiatric
26 collaborative care model.

27 SECTION 3. Section 47B of Chapter 175 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018
28 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:-

29 (k) For the purposes of this subsection, “psychiatric collaborative care model” shall mean
30 the evidence-based, integrated behavioral health service delivery method described in 81 FR
31 80230.

32 Any individual policy of accident and sickness insurance issued pursuant to section 108,
33 which provides hospital expense and surgical expense insurance, and a group blanket or general
34 policy of accident and sickness insurance issued pursuant to section 110, which provides hospital

35 expense and surgical expense insurance, which is issued or renewed within or without the
36 commonwealth, shall provide reimbursement for mental health or substance use disorder benefits
37 that are delivered through the psychiatric collaborative care model, which shall include the
38 following current procedural terminology billing codes established by the American Medical
39 Association: (1) 99492; (2) 99493; and (3) 99494. The commissioner of insurance shall update
40 this list of codes through the promulgation of regulations if there are any alterations or additions
41 to the billing codes for the psychiatric collaborative care model.

42 SECTION 4. Section 8A of Chapter 176A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018
43 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:-

44 (j) For the purposes of this subsection, “psychiatric collaborative care model” shall mean
45 the evidence-based, integrated behavioral health service delivery method described in 81 FR
46 80230.

47 Any contract between a subscriber and the corporation under an individual or group
48 hospital service plan which is issued or renewed within or without the commonwealth shall
49 provide reimbursement for mental health or substance use disorder benefits that are delivered
50 through the psychiatric collaborative care model, which shall include the following current
51 procedural terminology billing codes established by the American Medical Association: (1)
52 99492; (2) 99493; and (3) 99494. The commissioner of insurance shall update this list of codes
53 through the promulgation of regulations if there are any alterations or additions to the billing
54 codes for the psychiatric collaborative care model.

55 SECTION 5. Section 4A of Chapter 176B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018
56 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:-

57 (j) For the purposes of this subsection, “psychiatric collaborative care model” shall mean
58 the evidence-based, integrated behavioral health service delivery method described in 81 FR
59 80230.

60 Any subscription certificate under an individual or group medical service agreement
61 which is issued or renewed within or without the commonwealth shall provide reimbursement
62 for mental health or substance use disorder benefits that are delivered through the psychiatric
63 collaborative care model, which shall include the following current procedural terminology
64 billing codes established by the American Medical Association: (1) 99492; (2) 99493; and (3)
65 99494. The commissioner of insurance shall update this list of codes through the promulgation of
66 regulations if there are any alterations or additions to the billing codes for the psychiatric
67 collaborative care model.

68 SECTION 6. Section 4M of Chapter 176G of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018
69 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:-

70 (j) For the purposes of this subsection, “psychiatric collaborative care model” shall mean
71 the evidence-based, integrated behavioral health service delivery method described in 81 FR
72 80230.

73 Any health maintenance contract issued or renewed within or without the commonwealth
74 shall provide reimbursement for mental health or substance use disorder benefits that are
75 delivered through the psychiatric collaborative care model, which shall include the following
76 current procedural terminology billing codes established by the American Medical Association:
77 (1) 99492; (2) 99493; and (3) 99494. The commissioner of insurance shall update this list of

- 78 codes through the promulgation of regulations if there are any alterations or additions to the
- 79 billing codes for the psychiatric collaborative care model.