

**SENATE . . . . . No. 994**

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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 relative to management of early childhood caries.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Harriette L. Chandler</i>	<i>First Worcester</i>
<i>Mark C. Montigny</i>	<i>Second Bristol and Plymouth</i>
<i>John W. Scibak</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>
<i>Gale D. Candaras</i>	<i>First Hampden and Hampshire</i>
<i>Sonia Chang-Diaz</i>	<i>Second Suffolk</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Thomas M. McGee</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Denise Andrews</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>

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By Ms. Chandler, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 994) of Harriette L. Chandler, Mark C. Montigny, John W. Scibak, Kay Khan and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to the enhanced management of early childhood caries among MassHealth patients. Public Health.

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen  
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An Act relative to management of early childhood caries.

*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. The Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS or Executive  
2 Office) shall design a pilot program for the enhanced management of early childhood caries  
3 among MassHealth patients. EOHHS shall consult with the researchers involved in the ECC  
4 Management Demonstration Project at Boston Children’s Hospital, Holyoke Health Center and  
5 other sites, where feasible, on the criteria by which providers should identify high risk of early  
6 childhood caries in patients under the age of 5. EOHHS shall also consult those researchers on  
7 the types and amount of treatment that should be billable to the MassHealth program for  
8 effective management of the disease in those patients. These shall include, but not be limited to:  
9 more frequent preventive visits and fluoride treatments, as well as family education and training  
10 in self-management, as established by the researchers in the ECC Management Demonstration  
11 Program in their early childhood caries disease management protocol.

12           The Executive Office shall release a request for proposals with these design criteria no  
13 later than February 1, 2014 and select provider participants no later than April 1, 2014, for a start  
14 date no later than July 1, 2014. EOHHS shall widely publicize the request for proposals in the  
15 provider community, including but not limited to its mention in a bulletin to all childhood dental  
16 and pediatric primary care providers. Eligible entities shall include primary care providers co-  
17 located in the same facility with oral health providers who see the same patients. To the extent  
18 feasible, EOHHS shall select providers in both rural and urban areas in a wide geographic  
19 distribution across the Commonwealth.

20           The selected providers must agree to submit their results relative to costs, the incidence  
21 of cavities before and after use of the new protocol, the experience of pain before and after and  
22 the number of referrals for operating room procedures. The Executive Office shall release a  
23 report of those results to the Joint Committee on Health Care Financing and the House and  
24 Senate Committees on Ways and Means by February 1, 2017.