

HOUSE No. 1083

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Smitty Pignatelli

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 providing for non-opioid pain management.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>4th Berkshire</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>
<i>Dylan A. Fernandes</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>
<i>Carlos Gonzalez</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>
<i>Stephan Hay</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>Adam G. Hinds</i>	<i>Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden</i>
<i>Randy Hunt</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>
<i>Rady Mom</i>	<i>18th Middlesex</i>

<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>
<i>RoseLee Vincent</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>

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By Mr. Pignatelli of Lee, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1083) of Smitty Pignatelli and others relative to insurance coverage for acupuncture treatment for pain and substance use disorders. Financial Services.

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

An Act providing for non-opioid pain management.

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. All individual or group accident and health insurance policies and health
4 service contracts delivered, issued or renewed by an insurer or nonprofit health service
5 corporation which provide benefits to individual subscribers and members within the
6 commonwealth or to all group members having a principal place of employment within the
7 commonwealth shall provide benefits for acupuncture treatment for pain and substance use
8 disorders.

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

11 Section 4JJ. All individual or group accident and health insurance policies and health
12 service contracts delivered, issued or renewed by an insurer or nonprofit health service

13 corporation which provide benefits to individual subscribers and members within the
14 commonwealth or to all group members having a principal place of employment within the
15 commonwealth shall provide benefits for acupuncture treatment for pain and substance use
16 disorders.

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

19 Section 8LL. (a) Any contract between a subscriber and the corporation under an
20 individual or group hospital service plan delivered, issued or renewed in the commonwealth shall
21 provide as benefits to all individual subscribers and members within the commonwealth and to
22 all group members having a principal place of employment within the commonwealth for
23 acupuncture treatment for pain and substance use disorders.

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

26 Section 4LL. (a) Any subscription certificate under an individual or group medical
27 service agreement delivered, issued or renewed in the commonwealth shall provide benefits to all
28 individual subscribers and members within the commonwealth and to all group members having
29 a principal place of employment within the commonwealth for acupuncture treatment for pain
30 and substance use disorders.

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

33 Section 4DD. (a) Any group health maintenance contract shall provide coverage for
34 acupuncture treatment for pain and substance use disorders.