

HOUSE No. 1122

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.

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 financial services contracts for dental benefits corporations.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>1/18/2023</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/23/2023</i>
<i>James C. Arena-DeRosa</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/23/2023</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/23/2023</i>
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/15/2023</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>3/15/2023</i>

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By Representative Puppolo of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1122) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr. and others relative to financial services contracts for dental benefits corporations. Financial Services.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act relative to financial services contracts for dental benefits corporations.

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 108B of Chapter 175 of the General Laws, as most recently
2 appearing, is hereby amended by inserting at the end of said section the following sentence:- “No
3 contract for the provision of healthcare services or benefits with a registered dentist may require
4 that such dentist provide dental services to a covered person at a particular fee unless said dental
5 services are services for which the company shall provide payment under the applicable group or
6 individual policy of accident, sickness or health insurance.”

7 SECTION 2. Section 7 of chapter 176B of the General Laws, as most recently
8 appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the second paragraph the following paragraph:-
9 “No such agreement may require that a dentist provide dental services to subscribers or their
10 covered dependents at a particular fee unless said dental services are services for which the
11 medical services corporation shall provide reimbursement under the applicable service
12 agreement.”

13 SECTION 3. Section 7 of chapter 176E of the General Laws, as most recently
14 appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the second paragraph the following paragraph:-
15 “No written agreement between a dental service corporation and a participating dentist may
16 require that the dentist provide dental services to subscribers or their covered dependents at a
17 particular fee unless said dental services are services for which the dental service corporation
18 shall provide reimbursement under the applicable service agreement.”

19 SECTION 4. Section 21 of chapter 176G of the General Laws, as most recently
20 appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after subsection (d) the following sub-section:- “(e)
21 No contract between a health maintenance organization and a participating provider who is a
22 registered dentist may require that such dentist provide dental services to a member at a
23 particular fee unless said dental services are services for which the health maintenance
24 organization shall provide reimbursement under the applicable health maintenance contract.”

25 SECTION 5. Section 2 of chapter 176I of the General Laws, as most recently appearing,
26 is hereby amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following paragraph:- “No preferred
27 provider arrangement with a health care provider who is a registered dentist may require that
28 such dentist provide dental service to a covered person at a particular fee unless said dental
29 services are services for which the organization shall provide reimbursement under the
30 applicable preferred provider arrangement.”