

HOUSE No. 2182

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Elizabeth A. Malia

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 access to recovery coaches.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Linda Dean Campbell</i>	<i>15th Essex</i>
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>
<i>Jose F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>
<i>Adam G. Hinds</i>	<i>Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>

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By Ms. Malia of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2182) of Elizabeth A. Malia and others relative to health insurance coverage for substance abuse services provided by certified addiction recovery coaches. Financial Services.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act to ensure access to recovery coaches.

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, as appearing in the 2014 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 17O the following new section:-

3 Section 17P. The commission shall provide to an active or retired employee of the
4 commonwealth who is insured under the group insurance commission coverage for the cost of
5 substance abuse services provided by a certified addiction recovery coach, as part of a substance
6 abuse treatment team and under the supervision of qualified supervisory staff.

7 Certified addiction recovery coach is defined as an individual who was certified by and in
8 good standing with the Massachusetts Board of Substance Abuse Counselor Certification.

9 SECTION 2. Chapter 118E of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official
10 Edition, is amended by inserting after section 10J the following new section:-

11 Section 10K. The division and its contracted health insurers, health plans, health
12 maintenance organizations, behavioral health management firms and third party administrators
13 under contract to a Medicaid managed care organization or primary care clinician plan shall
14 cover the cost of substance abuse services provided by a certified addiction recovery coach, as
15 part of a substance abuse treatment team and under the supervision of qualified supervisory staff.

16 Certified addiction recovery coach is defined as an individual who was certified by and in
17 good standing with the Massachusetts Board of Substance Abuse Counselor Certification.

18 SECTION 3. Chapter 175 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition,
19 is amended by inserting after Section 47II, the following new section:-

20 Section 47JJ. A policy, contract, agreement, plan or certificate of insurance issued,
21 delivered or renewed within the commonwealth that provides medical expense coverage shall
22 cover the cost of substance abuse services provided by a certified addiction recovery coach, as
23 part of a substance abuse treatment team and under the supervision of qualified supervisory staff.

24 Certified addiction recovery coach is defined as an individual who was certified by and in
25 good standing with the Massachusetts Board of Substance Abuse Counselor Certification.

26 SECTION 4. Chapter 176A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official
27 Edition, is amended by inserting after Section 8KK the following new section:-

28 Section 8LL. Any contract between a subscriber and the corporation under an individual
29 or group hospital service plan which is delivered, issued or renewed within the commonwealth
30 shall cover the cost of substance abuse services provided by a certified addiction recovery coach,

31 as part of a substance abuse treatment team and under the supervision of qualified supervisory
32 staff.

33 Certified addiction recovery coach is defined as an individual who was certified by and in
34 good standing with the Massachusetts Board of Substance Abuse Counselor Certification.

35 SECTION 5. Chapter 176B of the General Laws as appearing in the 2014 Official
36 Edition, is amended by inserting after Section 4KK the following new section:-

37 Section 4LL. Any subscription certificate under an individual or group medical service
38 agreement delivered, issued or renewed within the commonwealth shall cover the cost of
39 substance abuse services provided by a certified addiction recovery coach, as part of a substance
40 abuse treatment team and under the supervision of qualified supervisory staff.

41 Certified addiction recovery coach is defined as an individual who was certified by and in
42 good standing with the Massachusetts Board of Substance Abuse Counselor Certification.

43 SECTION 6. Chapter 176G of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official
44 Edition, is amended by inserting after Section 4CC the following new section:-

45 Section 4DD. Any individual or group health maintenance contract shall cover the cost of
46 substance abuse services provided by a certified addiction recovery coach, as part of a substance
47 abuse treatment team and under the supervision of qualified supervisory staff.

48 Certified addiction recovery coach is defined as an individual who was certified by and in
49 good standing with the Massachusetts Board of Substance Abuse Counselor Certification.