

HOUSE No. 3424

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John W. Scibak

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 equitable dental reimbursement rates for services provided to publicly aided patients.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>John W. Scibak</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>
<i>Benjamin Swan</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Tackey Chan</i>	<i>2nd Norfolk</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Jose F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>
<i>Gailanne M. Cariddi</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>
<i>Paul J. Donato</i>	<i>35th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>

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By Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3424) of John W. Scibak and others relative to equitable dental reimbursement rates for services provided to publicly aided patients. Health Care Financing.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act relative to equitable dental reimbursement rates for services provided to publicly aided patients.

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. Subsection (b) of section 16T of chapter 6A of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

3 The plan shall provide for an index to the child and adult dental fee schedule to the
4 seventy-fifth percentile of the most current American Dental Association Survey of Dental Fees
5 of General Practitioners by January 1, 2016 for all MassHealth programs. The plan, at a
6 minimum, shall include all dental services covered as of January 1, 2009.

7 SECTION 2. Chapter 118E of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
8 striking out section 53 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

9 Section 53. The division shall include within its covered services for adults all federally
10 optional services that were included in its state plan or demonstration program in effect on
11 January 1, 2002. Covered services for adults in the MassHealth Essential program shall include

12 dental services to the same extent as such services were covered for adults in the MassHealth
13 Basic program as of January 1, 2002; provided, however that the executive office shall develop a
14 plan to index the child and adult dental fee schedule for all MassHealth programs to the seventy-
15 fifth percentile of the most current American Dental Association Survey of Dental Fees of
16 General Practitioners by January 1, 2016. The plan, at a minimum, shall include all child and
17 adult dental services covered as of January 1, 2009.

18 To the extent permitted by the demonstration program approved under 42 U.S.C. section
19 1315(a), covered services in the MassHealth Basic and MassHealth Essential programs shall
20 include hospice services to the extent such services are covered in the MassHealth Standard
21 program.