

HOUSE No. 4420

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Tackey Chan

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 providing dental care to senior citizens.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Tackey Chan</i>	<i>2nd Norfolk</i>
<i>Donald H. Wong</i>	<i>9th Essex</i>
<i>Rady Mom</i>	<i>18th Middlesex</i>
<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>
<i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>John W. Scibak</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>
<i>Brian A. Joyce</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i>
<i>Frank A. Moran</i>	<i>17th Essex</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>
<i>Claire D. Cronin</i>	<i>11th Plymouth</i>
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>
<i>Dennis A. Rosa</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>
<i>Mathew Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>
<i>Carlos Gonzalez</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>

<i>Jose F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Robert M. Koczera</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>
<i>Timothy R. Madden</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>
<i>Barbara L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Gerard Cassidy</i>	<i>9th Plymouth</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>
<i>Gailanne M. Cariddi</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>

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By Mr. Chan of Quincy, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Tackey Chan and others that the Division of Medical Assistance be authorized to include dentures, restorative, endodontic and periodontal treatment within its covered services for certain persons ages 65 and older. Elder Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to providing dental care to senior citizens.

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 8 of the Chapter 118E of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 inserting after the words “appropriate” in line 5 the following:-

3 a1/4 “Dental Services, all dental services including dentures, restorative, endodontic, and
4 periodontal treatment.”

5 SECTION 2. Section 53 of Chapter 118E of the General Laws, is hereby amended by
6 inserting at the end thereof the following paragraph: -

7 “The division shall include within its covered services for adults who are ages 65 and
8 older all federally optional services that were included in its state plan or demonstration program
9 in effect on January 1, 2002, including all dental services. Covered services for adults in the
10 MassHealth Essential program shall include dental services to the same extent as such services
11 were covered for adults in the MassHealth Basic program as of January 1, 2002.”