

HOUSE No. 602

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>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>
<i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>
<i>Donald H. Wong</i>	<i>9th Essex</i>
<i>Bruce J. Ayers</i>	<i>1st Norfolk</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Stephan Hay</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>

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By Mr. Chan of Quincy, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 602) 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.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 338 OF 2017-2018.]

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