

HOUSE No. 624

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 early childhood cavities.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>John W. Scibak</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>
<i>Harriette L. Chandler</i>	<i>First Worcester</i>
<i>Carmine L. Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>Mathew Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Stephan Hay</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 624) of John W. Scibak and others relative to the management of early childhood caries among MassHealth patients. Health Care Financing.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1032 OF 2015-2016.]

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

An Act relative to early childhood cavities.

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. The Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS or Executive
2 Office) shall design a pilot program for the enhanced management of early childhood cavities
3 among MassHealth patients. EOHHS shall consult with the researchers involved in the Early
4 Childhood cavities (ECC) Management Demonstration Project at Boston Children’s Hospital,
5 Holyoke Health Center and other sites, where feasible, on the criteria by which providers should
6 identify high risk of early childhood cavities in patients under the age of five. EOHHS shall
7 also consult those researchers on the types and amount of treatment that should be billable to the
8 MassHealth program for effective management of the disease in those patients. These shall
9 include, but not be limited to: more frequent preventive visits and fluoride treatments, as well as
10 family education and training in self-management, as established by the researchers in the ECC

11 Management Demonstration Program in their early childhood cavity disease management
12 protocol.

13 The Executive Office shall release a request for proposals with these design
14 criteria no later than February 1, 2018 and select provider participants no later than April 1,
15 2016, for a start date no later than July 1, 2018. EOHHS shall widely publicize the request for
16 proposals in the provider community, including but not limited to its mention in a bulletin to all
17 childhood dental and pediatric primary care providers. Eligible entities shall include primary
18 care providers co-located in the same facility with oral health providers who see the same
19 patients. To the extent feasible, EOHHS shall select providers in both rural and urban areas in a
20 wide geographic distribution across the Commonwealth.

21 The selected providers must agree to submit their results relative to costs, the
22 incidence of cavities before and after use of the new protocol, the experience of pain before and
23 after and the number of referrals for operating room procedures. The Executive Office shall
24 release a report of those results to the Joint Committee on Health Care Financing and the House
25 and Senate Committees on Ways and Means by February 1, 2021.