

HOUSE No. 990

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Carmine Lawrence Gentile

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 insurance coverage for PANDAS/PANS.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Carmine Lawrence Gentile

13th Middlesex

Mark J. Cusack

5th Norfolk

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By Mr. Gentile of Sudbury, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 990) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile and Mark J. Cusack relative to insurance coverage for pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome. Financial Services.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 572 OF 2017-2018.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**
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An Act relative to insurance coverage for PANDAS/PANS.

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 amended by Chapter 403 of the Acts
2 of 2014, is hereby amended by inserting after section 17K the following section:-

3 Section 17L. The commission shall provide to any active or retired employee of the
4 commonwealth who is insured under the group insurance commission, coverage for treatment of
5 pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and
6 pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome. Said treatment shall include, but not be limited
7 to, the use of Intravenous immunoglobulin (IVIG) therapy.

8 SECTION 2. Chapter 175 of the General Laws, as amended by Chapter 403 of the Acts
9 of 2014, is hereby amended by inserting after section 47DD the following section:-

10 Section 47EE. Any policy, contract, agreement, plan or certificate of insurance issued,
11 delivered or renewed within the commonwealth shall provide coverage for treatment of pediatric
12 autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric
13 acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome. Said treatment shall include, but not be limited to, the
14 use of Intravenous immunoglobulin (IVIG) therapy.

15 SECTION 3. Chapter 176A of the General Laws, as amended by Chapter 403 of the Acts
16 of 2014, is hereby amended by inserting after section 8EE the following section:-

17 Section 8FF. Any contract between a subscriber and a corporation under an individual or
18 group hospital service plan delivered, issued or renewed within the commonwealth shall provide
19 coverage for treatment of pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with
20 streptococcal infections and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome. Said treatment
21 shall include, but not be limited to, the use of Intravenous immunoglobulin (IVIG) therapy.

22 SECTION 4. Chapter 176B of the General Laws, as amended by Chapter 403 of the Acts
23 of 2014, is hereby amended by inserting after section 4FF the following section:-

24 Section 4GG. Any subscription certificate under an individual or group medical service
25 agreement delivered, issued or renewed within the commonwealth shall provide coverage for
26 treatment of pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal
27 infections and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome. Said treatment shall include, but
28 not be limited to, the use of Intravenous immunoglobulin (IVIG) therapy.

29 SECTION 5. Chapter 176G of the General Laws, as amended by Chapter 403 of the Acts
30 of 2014, is hereby amended by inserting after section 4X the following section:-

31 Section 4Y. Any individual or group health maintenance contract shall provide coverage
32 for treatment of pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal
33 infections and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome. Said treatment shall include, but
34 not be limited to, the use of Intravenous immunoglobulin (IVIG) therapy.