

SENATE No. 1044

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Thomas P. Kennedy

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 to further define medical necessity determinations.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Thomas P. Kennedy
Angelo M. Scaccia

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Second Plymouth and Bristol
14th Suffolk

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By Mr. Kennedy, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1044) of Thomas P. Kennedy and Angelo M. Scaccia for legislation to further define medical necessity determinations. Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

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

An Act to further define medical necessity determinations.

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 8a of Chapter 118E is amended by inserting the following new
2 sentence at the end of the definition “Medically Necessary Services” the following new sentence:
3 “Medical necessary services for mental health treatment shall be determined by the treating
4 clinician in consultation with the patient and noted in the patient’s medical record”.

5 SECTION 2: Section 16 (b) of Chapter 176O is amended by inserting the following new
6 sentence at the end after the word “restriction” the following new sentence. “Medical necessity
7 for mental health services shall be determined by the treating clinician in consultation with the
8 patient and noted in the patient’s medical record.”