

**SENATE . . . . . No. 00495**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Cynthia S. Creem, (BY REQUEST)*

*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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act to mandate health benefit coverage for certain tests for the early detection of cardiovascular disease.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

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By Ms. Creem, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 495) of Creem for legislation to mandate health benefit coverage for certain tests for the early detection of cardiovascular disease [Joint Committee on Health Care Financing].

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven  
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An Act to mandate health benefit coverage for certain tests for the early detection of cardiovascular disease.

*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 is hereby amended by adding the  
2 following section:-

3           Section 26. (a) The commission shall provide to an active or retired employee of the  
4 commonwealth who is insured under the group insurance commission benefits on a  
5 nondiscriminatory basis for the screening medical procedures required by this act to each  
6 covered individual who is a:

7                   (1)       a male older than 45 years of age and younger than 76 years of  
8 age; or

9                   (2)       a female older than 55 years of age and younger than 76 years of  
10 age; and

11                   (3)            who is diabetic or has a risk of developing coronary heart disease,  
12 based on a score derived using the Framingham Heart Study coronary prediction algorithm, that  
13 is intermediate or higher.

14                   (b) The minimum coverage required to be provided under this act is coverage of up to  
15 \$200 for one of the following noninvasive screening tests for atherosclerosis and abnormal artery  
16 structure and function every five years by a licensed provider:

17                   (1)            computed tomography (CT) scanning measuring coronary artery  
18 calcification; or

19                   (2)            ultrasonography measuring carotid intima-media thickness and  
20 plaque.

21                   SECTION 2. Chapter 175 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
22 section 47AA the following section:-

23                   Section 47BB. (a) An individual policy of accident and sickness insurance issued  
24 under section 108 that provides hospital expense and surgical expense insurance and any group  
25 blanket or general policy of accident and sickness insurance issued under section 110 that  
26 provides hospital expense and surgical expense insurance, which is issued or renewed within or  
27 without the commonwealth, shall provide benefits on a nondiscriminatory basis for the screening  
28 medical procedures required by this act to each covered individual who is a:

29                   (1)            a male older than 45 years of age and younger than 76 years of  
30 age; or

31                   (2)           a female older than 55 years of age and younger than 76 years of  
32 age; and

33                   (3)           who is diabetic or has a risk of developing coronary heart disease,  
34 based on a score derived using the Framingham Heart Study coronary prediction algorithm, that  
35 is intermediate or higher.

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37 \$200 for one of the following noninvasive screening tests for atherosclerosis and abnormal artery  
38 structure and function every five years by a licensed provider:

39                   (1)           computed tomography (CT) scanning measuring coronary artery  
40 calcification; or

41                   (2)           ultrasonography measuring carotid intima-media thickness and  
42 plaque.

43                   SECTION 3. Chapter 176A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
44 section 8DD the following section:-

45                   Section 8EE. (a) A contract between a subscriber and the corporation under an  
46 individual or group hospital service plan which is issued or renewed within or without the  
47 commonwealth shall provide benefits on a nondiscriminatory basis for the screening medical  
48 procedures required by this act to each covered individual who is a:

49                   (1)           a male older than 45 years of age and younger than 76 years of  
50 age; or

51 (2) a female older than 55 years of age and younger than 76 years of  
52 age; and

53 (3) who is diabetic or has a risk of developing coronary heart disease,  
54 based on a score derived using the Framingham Heart Study coronary prediction algorithm, that  
55 is intermediate or higher.

56 (b) The minimum coverage required to be provided under this act is coverage of up to  
57 \$200 for one of the following noninvasive screening tests for atherosclerosis and abnormal artery  
58 structure and function every five years by a licensed provider:

59 (1) computed tomography (CT) scanning measuring coronary artery  
60 calcification; or

61 (2) ultrasonography measuring carotid intima-media thickness and  
62 plaque.

63 SECTION 4. Chapter 176B of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
64 section 4DD the following section:-

65 Section 4EE. (a) A subscription certificate under an individual or group medical  
66 service agreement which is issued or renewed within or without the commonwealth shall provide  
67 benefits on a nondiscriminatory basis for the screening medical procedures required by this act to  
68 each covered individual who is a:

69 (1) a male older than 45 years of age and younger than 76 years of  
70 age; or

71 (2) a female older than 55 years of age and younger than 76 years of  
72 age; and

73 (3) who is diabetic or has a risk of developing coronary heart disease,  
74 based on a score derived using the Framingham Heart Study coronary prediction algorithm, that  
75 is intermediate or higher.

76 (b) The minimum coverage required to be provided under this act is coverage of up to  
77 \$200 for one of the following noninvasive screening tests for atherosclerosis and abnormal artery  
78 structure and function every five years by a licensed provider:

79 (1) computed tomography (CT) scanning measuring coronary artery  
80 calcification; or

81 (2) ultrasonography measuring carotid intima-media thickness and  
82 plaque.

83 SECTION 5. Chapter 176G of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
84 section 4V the following section:-

85 Section 4W. (a) A health maintenance contract issued or renewed within or without the  
86 commonwealth shall provide benefits on a nondiscriminatory basis for the screening medical  
87 procedures required by this act to each covered individual who is a:

88 (1) a male older than 45 years of age and younger than 76 years of  
89 age; or

90 (2) a female older than 55 years of age and younger than 76 years of  
91 age; and

92                           (3)            who is diabetic or has a risk of developing coronary heart disease,  
93 based on a score derived using the Framingham Heart Study coronary prediction algorithm, that  
94 is intermediate or higher.

95                   (b) The minimum coverage required to be provided under this act is coverage of up to  
96 \$200 for one of the following noninvasive screening tests for atherosclerosis and abnormal artery  
97 structure and function every five years by a licensed provider:

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99 calcification; or

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101 plaque.