

Key MassHealth/Health Access House Budget Amendments

Clerk Number	Sponsor	Amendment	Status
367	Scibak	Requires MassHealth to hold public hearings before implementing regulatory changes which restrict eligibility or covered services.	This was included in the House budget.
493	Malia of Boston, LeDuc of Marlboro, Sánchez of Boston, Rivera of Springfield, Pedone of Worcester, Teahan of Whitman, Smizik of Brookline, Reinstein of Revere, Wolf of Cambridge, Toomey of Cambridge, Rushing of Boston, Sullivan of Fall River, Rush of Boston, Gobi of Spencer, Hynes of Marshfield, Scibak of South Hadley, Khan of Newton, Blumer of Framingham, Linsky of Natick, Paulsen of Belmont, Petersen of Marblehead, Connolly of Everett, Leary of Worcester, Carron of Southbridge and Falzone of Saugus	Healthy Start appropriation increase from \$8,600,000 to \$14,200,000. The increase is required to allow the program to provide prenatal care to all women eligible for the program	The House Budget increased this appropriation from \$8,600,000 to \$10,600,000.
577	Mr. Sánchez, Mr. Walsh, Ms. Malia, and Ms. Fox of Boston, Mr. Toomey of Cambridge, Ms. Blumer of Framingham, Ms. Khan, and Mr. Falzone of Saugus,	Directs EOHHS to prepare list of employers with 50 or more employees receiving MassHealth or Pool benefits	This was included in the House budget.
579	Sanchez, Mr. Walsh, and Ms. Malia of Boston, Mr. Toomey of Cambridge, Ms. Gomes of Harwich, Ms. Blumer of Framingham, Ms. Khan, Ms. Fox of Boston, and Mr. Falzone of Saugus,	Repeal authorization for MassHealth enrollment caps in HIV, CommonHealth and Family Assistance programs	This was included in the House budget.
640	Blumer of Framingham, Mr. Kocot of Northampton, Mr. Koutoujian of Waltham, and Ms. Malia of Boston	Allow MassHealth Essential to serve approx. 36,000 people by using \$110 million appropriation for 9 months only. House budget only funds 25,000 people on Essential if it has to last a full year.	This was NOT included in the House budget.
652	Blumer of Framingham, Ms. Teahan of Whitman, Mr. Verga of Gloucester, Ms. L'Italien of Andover, Ms.	Affordable children's health program premiums . Prohibits	This was NOT included in the House budget.

	Story of Amherst, and Ms. Parente of Milford, Mr. Kocot of Northampton, Mr. Stephen Walsh of Lynn, Mr. Smizik of Brookline, Ms. Ms. Rivera of Springfield, Ms. Malia of Boston, Ms. Paulsen of Belmont, Ms. Gomes of Harwich, Ms. Canavan of Brockton, Ms. Spilka of Ashland, Mr. Marzilli of Arlington, Mr. Koutoujian of Waltham, Ms. Jehlen of Somerville, Mr. Linsky of Natick, Mr. Rush of Boston, Ms. Balser of Newton, Ms. Grant of Beverly, Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, Mr. Goguen of Fitchburg, and Mr. Sánchez of Boston	premiums in MassHealth for families under 150% of the poverty level, and rolls back CMSP premiums to 2003 level.	
655	Kennedy of Brockton, Mr. Koutoujian of Waltham, Mr. Fagan of Taunton, Ms. Spilka of Ashland, Mr. Linsky of Natick, Ms. Blumer of Framingham, Mr. Verga of Gloucester, Mr. Patrick of Falmouth, Mr. Festa of Melrose, Mr. Spellane of Worcester, Mr. Atsalis of Barnstable, Mr. Carron of Southbridge, Ms. Malia of Boston, Ms. Khan of Newton, Ms. L’Italien of Andover, Mr. Casey of Winchester, Ms. Gomes of Harwich, and Ms. Teahan	Prohibits enrollment caps and asset tests in CommonHealth program	This was NOT included in the House budget. However, the budget repealed all MassHealth enrollment caps and includes a study of asset tests.
678	Rushing of Boston, Khan of Newton, Story of Amherst, Smizik of Brookline, Petersen of Marblehead, Demakis of Boston, Blumer of Framingham, Sanchez of Boston, Balser of Newton Wolf of Cambridge, and Marzilli of Arlington	Full restoration of MassHealth for legal special status immigrants.	This was NOT included in the House budget
768	Teahan of Whitman, Paulsen of Belmont, Sullivan of Fall River, Kocot of Northampton, Gobi of Spencer, Linsky of Natick, Kennedy of Brockton, Gomes of Harwich, LeDuc of Marlborough, Rushing of Boston, Canavan of Brockton, Blumer of Framingham, Carron of Southbridge, Festa of Melrose, Fox of Boston, Falzone of Saugus, Khan of Newton, L’Italien of Andover, Demakis of Boston, Wolf of Cambridge, Spilka of Ashland, Peisch of Wellesley, and Koutoujian of Newton	Increase CMSP appropriation from \$13,901,895 to \$19,400,000. Currently, over 13,000 kids are on CMSP waiting list. This amendment would allow all children who need CMSP coverage to participate in program.	This was NOT included in the House budget.
829	Pedone of Worcester, Mr. Knuutila of Gardner, Ms. Teahan of Whitman, Mr. Goguen of Fitchburg, Ms.	MassHealth dental program third-party administrator, to allow	This was included in the House budget.

	Rivera of Springfield, Ms. Simmons of Leominster, Mr. Koutoujian of Waltham, Mr. Binienda of Worcester, Mr. Hillman of Sturbridge, Mr. Spellane of Worcester, Mr. Evangelidis of Holden, Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, Mr. Carron of Southbridge, Mr. LeDuc of Marlborough, Mr. Leary of Worcester and Ms. Polito	more efficient provision of dental services to MassHealth members.	
839	Cabral of New Bedford, Mr. Walsh of Lynn, Ms. Spilka of Ashland, Ms. Wolf of Cambridge, Mr. Rush of Boston, Ms. Blumer of Framingham, Mr. Smizik of Brookline, Mr. Ciampa of Somerville, Mr. Toomey of Cambridge, Ms. Jehlen of Somerville, Ms. Balser of Newton, Mr. Rushing of Boston and Mr. Sanchez	Continue MassHealth benefits for elderly and disabled special status immigrants . These benefits are scheduled to be restored on June 1, and would otherwise expire in September without legislative action.	This was NOT included in the House budget.
1011	Representatives Keenan of Southwick, Carron of Southbridge and Koutoujian of Newton	Expand Insurance Partnership program benefits by increasing eligibility to 300% fpl and increasing employer subsidies.	This was NOT included in the House budget.

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