

By Mr. Burke, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 578) of Edward L. Burke, George Bachrach and Mary Jane Gibson for legislation to provide reimbursement of certain health procedures. Health Care.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-three.

AN ACT PROVIDING REIMBURSEMENT OF CERTAIN
HEALTH PROCEDURES.

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 first paragraph of section 6 of chapter 118E
2 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by section 31
3 of chapter 283 of the Acts of 1976, is hereby amended by
4 striking out the second sentence and inserting in place thereof
5 the following sentence: — The department shall provide fi-
6 nancial assistance for such medical care or services as said
7 Title XIX and regulations adopted thereunder by the secretary
8 of health, education and welfare require; provided, that re-
9 quired hospital out-patient services may be performed in a
10 clinic. The department may provide financial assistance for
11 such additional medical care or services as said Title XIX and
12 said regulations permit; provided, that the department shall
13 provide financial assistance for at least intermediate care fa-
14 cility services, podiatrists' services, prescription authorized
15 hearing aids, basic adult dental services, but not including
16 orthodontry or cosmetic dentistry, eyeglasses for persons
17 sixty-five years of age or older, care for patients in mental or
18 tuberculosis hospitals who are sixty-five years of age or older,
19 and for liver transplant surgery; and, provided further, that
20 required hospital out-patient services may be performed by a
21 clinic.

1 SECTION 2. Section 110 of chapter 175 of the General Laws,
2 as most recently amended by section 3 of chapter 454 of the
3 acts of 1976, is hereby further amended by inserting after sub-
4 division (J) the following subdivision: —

5 (K) Any blanket or general policy of insurance which is
6 delivered or issued for delivery in the commonwealth and any
7 employees' health and welfare fund which is promulgated or
8 renewed to any person or group of persons in the common-
9 wealth shall provide for benefits for expense arising from liver
10 transplant surgery.

1 SECTION 3. Section 10 of chapter 176A of the General Laws
2 as most recently amended by section 1 of chapter 361 of the
3 acts of 1978, is hereby further amended by adding the follow-
4 ing paragraph: —

5 Any contract (except contracts providing supplemental cov-
6 erage to Medicare or other governmental programs) between
7 a subscriber and the corporation under an individual or group
8 hospital service plan which shall be delivered or issued or re-
9 newed in this commonwealth shall provide as benefits to all
10 individual subscribers and members within the commonwealth
11 and to all group members having a principal place of employ-
12 ment within the commonwealth, for liver transplant surgery.

1 SECTION 4. Chapter 176B of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by adding the following section: —

3 *Section 4E.* Chapter 176B of the General Laws is hereby
4 amended by adding the following section: —

5 *Section 4E.* Any subscription certificate under an individual
6 or group medical service agreement which shall be delivered
7 or issued or renewed in this commonwealth shall provide as
8 benefits to all individual subscribers and members within the
9 commonwealth and to all group members having a principal
10 place of employment within the commonwealth, for expense
11 for liver transplant surgery.

1 SECTION 5. Chapter 176G of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by adding the following section: —

3 *Section 4A.* Any health maintenance contract shall provide
4 coverage for liver transplant surgery.