

By Mr. Cohen of Newton, petition of David B. Cohen for legislation to provide insurance coverage for children born with craniofacial anomalies. Insurance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Two.

AN ACT PROVIDING INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CRANIOFACIAL ANOMALIES.

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 47C of chapter 175 of the General Laws
2 is hereby amended by inserting after the fourth sentence the
3 following: —

4 Such coverage shall also include all outpatient and inpatient
5 treatment and care for all children born with craniofacial
6 anomalies, i.e. birth defects of the cranium and face such as cleft
7 lip and/or cleft palate. Said treatment and care shall include:
8 surgery and surgical management; oral and maxillofacial
9 treatment; prosthetic treatment such as obturators and speech
10 appliances; orthodontic treatment and management; preventive
11 and restorative dentistry to insure good health and adequate
12 dental structure for orthodontic treatment and for prosthetic
13 management; speech-language evaluation and remediation;
14 audiological assessments and habilitative amplification devices;
15 otolaryngology treatment and management; psychological
16 assessment and counselling; social services and counselling;
17 radiological services; genetic assessment and counselling.

1 SECTION 2. Section 8B of chapter 176A of the General Laws
2 is hereby amended by inserting after the fourth sentence the
3 following: —

4 Such coverage shall also include all outpatient and inpatient
5 treatment and care for all children born with craniofacial

6 anomalies, i.e. birth defects of the cranium and face such as cleft
7 lip and/or cleft palate. Said treatment and care shall include: —
8 surgery and surgical management; oral and maxillofacial
9 treatment; prosthetic treatment such as obturators and speech
10 appliances; orthodontic treatment and management; preventive
11 and restorative dentistry to insure good health and adequate
12 dental structures for orthodontic treatment and for prosthetic
13 management; speech-language evaluation and remediation;
14 audiological assessments and habilitative amplification devices;
15 otolaryngology treatment and management; psychological
16 assessment and counselling; social services and counselling;
17 radiological services; genetic assessment and counselling.

1 SECTION 3. Section 4C of chapter 176B of the General Laws
2 is hereby amended by inserting after the third sentence the
3 following: —

4 Such coverage shall also include all outpatient and inpatient
5 treatment and care for all children born with craniofacial
6 anomalies, i.e. birth defects of the cranium and face such as cleft
7 lip and/or cleft palate. Said treatment and care shall include:
8 surgery and surgical management; oral and maxillofacial
9 treatment, prosthetic treatment such as obturators and speech
10 appliances; orthodontic treatment and management; preventive
11 and restorative dentistry to insure good health and adequate
12 dental structures for orthodontic treatment and for prosthetic
13 management; speech-language evaluation and remediation;
14 audiological assessments and habilitative amplification devices;
15 otolaryngology treatment and management; psychological
16 assessment and counselling; social services and counselling;
17 radiological services; genetic assessment and counselling.

1 SECTION 4. Section 4 of chapter 176G of the General Laws
2 is hereby amended by inserting after the second sentence the
3 following: —

4 Such coverage shall also include all outpatient and inpatient
5 treatment and care for all children born with craniofacial
6 anomalies, i.e. birth defects of the cranium and face such as cleft
7 lip and/or cleft palate. Said treatment and care shall include:
8 surgery and surgical management; oral and maxillofacial

9 treatment; prosthetic treatment such as obturators and speech
10 appliances; orthodontic treatment and management; preventive
11 and restorative dentistry to insure good health and adequate
12 dental structures for orthodontic treatment and for prosthetic
13 management; speech-language evaluation and remediation;
14 audiological assessments and habilitative amplification devices;
15 otolaryngology treatment and management; psychological
16 assessment and counselling; social services and counselling;
17 radiological services; genetic assessment and counselling.

