

SENATE No. 1866

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SENATE, December 13, 1993.

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was committed the Senate Bill providing for home care services coverage for certain children (Senate, No. 655), reports recommending that the same ought to pass, with an amendment substituting a new draft entitled "An Act requiring the division of insurance to study home care services coverage for certain children" (Senate, No. 1866).

For the committee,

LINDA J. MELCONIAN.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT REQUIRING THE DIVISION OF INSURANCE TO STUDY HOME CARE SERVICES COVERAGE FOR CHILDREN.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 The Division of Insurance is hereby authorized and directed to
2 conduct a study of the feasibility and effects of requiring health
3 insurance policies to provide home care benefits for children with
4 long-term medical needs for whom home care services are an
5 alternative to hospitalization. The study shall include, but not be
6 limited to, requiring health insurance providers to offer at least
7 one policy providing such benefits. It shall consider whether there
8 should be a limit on the costs at the amount of hospitalization
9 or at another amount, the financial impact of such a requirement
10 on the premiums of all insurance policies, expenses which should
11 be covered by such a policy, a survey of the insurance carriers
12 in the state, including Blue Cross/ Blue Shield, health maintenance
13 organizations, commercial insurers and Medicaid, regarding the
14 effects of such a requirement. It shall include a study of how the
15 Medicaid Kaileigh Mulligan program would be affected by such
16 a requirement, and how such a requirement would affect health
17 maintenance organization managed-care contracts and current
18 limits on private-duty nursing and current utilization review.