

By Mrs. Gray of Framingham, petition of Barbara E. Gray for legislation to include rehabilitative services in accident and sickness insurance policies. Insurance.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO REHABILITATIVE SERVICES.

*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 175 of the General laws is hereby  
2 amended by inserting after section 47B, the following new  
3 section:—

4 Section 47B½. Any blanket or general policy of insurance  
5 described in subdivision (A), (C), or (D) of section one hundred  
6 and ten which provides hospital expense and surgical expense  
7 insurance and which is issued or subsequently renewed by agree-  
8 ment between the insurer and the policy holder, within or without  
9 the Commonwealth, during the period this provision is effective,  
10 or any policy of accident and sickness insurance as described in  
11 section one hundred and eight which provides hospital and sur-  
12 gical expense insurance and which is delivered or issued for  
13 delivery or subsequently renewed by agreement between the  
14 insurer and the policy holder in the Commonwealth during the  
15 period that this provision is effective shall provide benefits for the  
16 services of a rehabilitation counselor licensed under the provi-  
17 sions of chapter one hundred and twelve to the extent of five hun-  
18 dred dollars over a twelve-month period.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 176A of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by inserting after section 8A the following new  
3 section:—

4 Section 8A½. Any contract between a subscriber and the corpo-  
5 ration under an individual or group hospital service plan which

6 shall be delivered or issued or renewed in this Commonwealth  
7 shall provide as benefits to all individual subscribers and members  
8 within the Commonwealth and to all group members having a  
9 principal place of employment within the Commonwealth in the  
10 case of outpatient benefits, the services of a rehabilitation coun-  
11 selor licensed under the provisions of chapter one hundred and  
12 twelve to the extent of five hundred dollars over a twelve month  
13 period.

1 SECTION 3. Chapter 176B of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by inserting after section 4G, the following new  
3 section:—

4 Section 4G½. Any subscription certificate under an individual  
5 or group medical service agreement which shall be delivered or  
6 issued or renewed in the Commonwealth shall provide as benefits  
7 to all individual subscribers and members within the  
8 Commonwealth and to all group members having a principal place  
9 of employment within the Commonwealth, in the case of outpa-  
10 tient benefits, the services of a rehabilitation counselor licensed  
11 under the provisions of chapter one hundred and twelve to the  
12 extent of five hundred dollars over a twelve month period.

1 SECTION 4. Section 4 of chapter 176G, as most recently  
2 amended by section 3 of chapter 380 of the Acts of 1986, is  
3 hereby further amended by adding at the end thereof the following  
4 sentence: — “Such health maintenance contract shall also provide  
5 coverage for the services of a rehabilitation counselor as required  
6 by section forty-seven B and one-half of chapter one hundred and  
7 seventy-five.”