

T H E C O M M O N W E A L T H O F M A S S A C H U S E T T S

*In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court*

AN ACT INCREASING ACCESS TO IMMUNIZATIONS.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (a) of section 9 of chapter 94C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

A practitioner may cause an immunization to be administered under the practitioner's direction by a certified medical assistant, as defined in section 265 of chapter 112.

SECTION 2. Chapter 112 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

Section 265. (a) As used in this section, the following words shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly requires otherwise:-

"Certified medical assistant", an individual who: (i) has graduated from a post-secondary medical assisting education program accredited by the committee on allied health education and accreditation of the American Medical Association or its successor, the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools or its successor or another certificate program that the commissioner of public health may approve; (ii) is employed in the medical practice of a licensed primary care provider; and (iii) performs basic administrative, clerical, and clinical duties upon the specific authorization and under the direct supervision of a licensed primary care provider.

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"Primary care provider", a health care professional qualified to provide general medical care for common health care problems who: (i) supervises, coordinates, prescribes or otherwise provides or proposes health care services; (ii) initiates referrals for specialist care; and (iii) maintains continuity of care within the health care professional's scope of practice.

(b) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, a primary care provider acting within the primary care provider's designated

scope of practice may delegate the administration of an immunization of a patient to a certified medical assistant.

(c) The department of public health shall promulgate regulations governing the administration of immunizations by certified medical assistants. Nothing in this section shall be construed as authorizing the licensure of certified medical assistants.

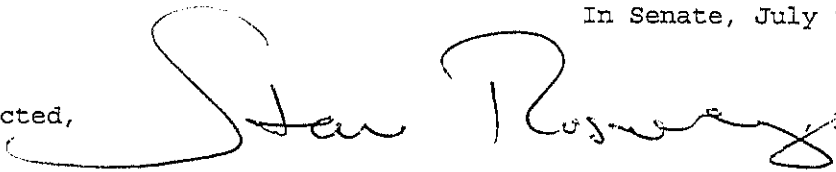
House of Representatives, July 30, 2016.


Passed to be enacted,

 , Speaker.

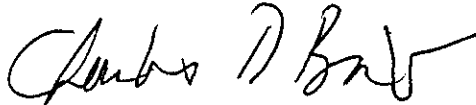
In Senate, July 31, 2016.

Passed to be enacted,

 President.

 , 2016.

Approved,



Governor.

HOUSE . . . . . No. 3895

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court (2015-2016)

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INCREASING

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28 immunization <sup>of</sup> to a patient to a certified medical assistant.

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30 administration of immunizations by certified medical assistants <sup>provided however, that</sup>

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192.  
TC

# House, No. 3895

## BILL TO INCREASE ACCESS TO IMMUNIZATIONS.

H.R., DECEMBER <sup>14</sup>, 2015.  
Rec. from HCF as a recommended substitute for House bill No. 3870.  
Substituted (as recom. by the committee on HCF for House bill No. 3870; and ord. 3rd.

Senate Committee on BTR  
Correctly drawn

*[Signature]*  
For the Committee

JUL 18 2016 -OD  
Rules suspended -  
- Read 2nd & ord. 3rd.

JUL 30 2016 - Taken from the Orders of the Day (Unanimous consent).  
Read 3rd. & Engrossed

Correctly drawn,  
*[Signature]*, for B.T.R.

May 16, 2016  
-Read 3rd. & engrossed

MAY 19 2016  
Senate, .....  
Read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on ~~Rules~~ Rules.  
*William F. Welch*, Clerk.

HR. May 14, 2014  
Passed to be engrossed. Sent  
to the Senate for concurrence.

*Stuart T. James*  
Clerk.

SENATE

JUL 30 2016

Passed to be Engrossed  
in concurrence.

*William F. Welch*  
Clerk.

# **HOUSE . . . . . No. 3870**

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## **The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, November 25, 2015.

The committee on the Public Health to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1128) of Sonia Chang-Diaz, Jeffrey Sánchez, James B. Eldridge, Jason M. Lewis and other members of the General Court for legislation to increase access to immunizations, and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2051) of Jeffrey Sánchez and others for legislation to increase access to vaccines, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 3870) ought to pass.

For the committee,

KATE HOGAN.

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3870**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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(2015-2016)**

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13 of Health Education Schools, or its successor or such other certificate program as the  
14 commissioner of public health shall approve; provided, however, that any such program shall  
15 include specific training in the administration of immunizations; (ii) is employed in the medical  
16 practice of a licensed provider; and (iii) who performs basic administrative, clerical, and clinical  
17 duties upon the specific authorization and under the direct supervision of a licensed provider.

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19 who is present in the facility and immediately available to furnish assistance and direction  
20 throughout the course of the performance of a delegated procedure but is not required to be  
21 present in the room when the procedure is being performed.

22 “Provider”, a health care professional qualified under the laws of the commonwealth to  
23 provide general or specialized medical care and who supervises, coordinates, prescribes, or  
24 otherwise provides or proposes health care services. A provider may include a primary care  
25 provider or any other provider, including a specialist provider, who is qualified to authorize and  
26 direct a certified medical assistant to perform a delegated procedure, including administration of  
27 an immunization.

28 (b) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, a provider acting within  
29 their designated scope of practice may delegate the administration of an immunization to a  
30 patient to a certified medical assistant.

31 (c) The department of public health shall promulgate regulations governing the  
32 administration of immunizations by certified medical assistants

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# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

House of Representatives, November 25, 2015

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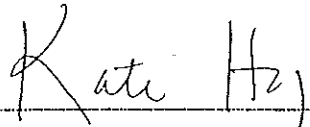
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and the

~~By Mr. Sánchez of Boston, of petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2051) of Jeffrey Sánchez and others for legislation to increase access to vaccines, Public Health.~~

bill (House, No. 3870)

**REPORT** recommending that the ~~bill/resolve~~ accompanying ~~said petition~~ ought to pass.

  
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Kate Hogan For the Committee.

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

House of Representatives, December 14, 2015

The committee on Health Care Financing

to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by \_\_\_\_\_, House No. \_\_\_\_\_)

Bill to increase access to immunizations (House, No. 3870),

bill

**REPORT**, recommending that the ~~bill/resolve accompanying said petition~~ ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor an accompanying bill (House, No. 3895).

Jeffrey Sanchez

For the Committee.

House, No. 3870

BILL TO INCREASE ACCESS TO  
IMMUNIZATIONS.

NOV 25 2015

H. R., .....  
~~Read, and~~ Referred, under Joint Rule 1E,  
to the committee on Health Care Financing.

*Stewart T. James*, Clerk.

DEC 14 2015

H. R., .....  
Read, and referred, under Rule 7A, to the  
committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.  
with the amendment (H. 3895)  
pending.

*Stewart T. James*, Clerk

December 17, 2015, Reported, and  
placed in O.D. for a second reading.

*Stewart T. James*  
For the Committee.

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Dec. 17, 2015, - Rule 7A suspended,  
read 2nd., amended (as recom.  
by HCF) by substitution of House,  
No. 3895.

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

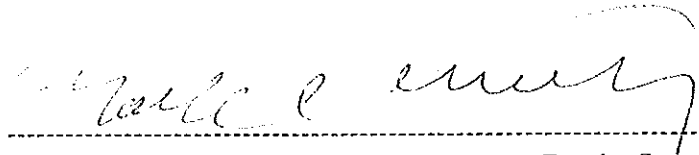
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Senate, JUL 18 2016

*The Committee on Rules to whom was referred the*

House Bill relative to increased access to immunizations (House, No. 3895)

**REPORTS** *that the matter be placed in the Orders of the Day  
for the next session.*



For the Committee.

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1128**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

*Sonia Chang-Diaz*

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*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to increase access to immunizations.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Sonia Chang-Diaz</i>	<i>Second Suffolk</i>
<i>Jeffrey Sánchez</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Donald H. Wong</i>	<i>9th Essex</i>
<i>Linda Dorcena Forry</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1128**

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By Ms. Chang-Diaz, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1128) of Sonia Chang-Diaz, Jeffrey Sánchez, James B. Eldridge, Jason M. Lewis and other members of the General Court for legislation to increase access to immunizations. Public Health.

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**Senate, No. 1128**

**Bill to increase access to immunizations**

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**PETITION --- SENATE**

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**Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz  
of Second Suffolk**

*presents the petition of* Sonia Chang-Diaz, Jeffrey Sanchez, James B. Eldridge, Jason M. Lewis and other members of the General Court for legislation to increase access to immunizations.

**Senate DOCKET, NO. SD1889  
Filed: 1/16/2015**

[accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1128]

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**Senate, April 15, 2015  
Referred to the committee on  
Public Health**

**Sent to the House for concurrence,  
*William F. Weld*, Clerk.**

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**House of Reps., April 15, 2015  
The House concurs.**

*Steven T. James*, Clerk

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2051**

By Mr. Sánchez of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2051) of Jeffrey Sánchez and others for legislation to increase access to vaccines. Public Health.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

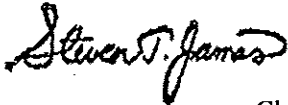
**HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES,**

January 20, 2015.

Referred to the committee  
on

**PUBLIC HEALTH.**

Sent to the Senate for  
concurrence.



Clerk.

**SENATE,**

January 20, 2015.

The Senate concurs



**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2051**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Jeffrey Sánchez*

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<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
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<i>Jay R. Kaufman</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>
<i>Alice Hanlon Peisch</i>	<i>14th Norfolk</i>

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2051**

By Mr. Sánchez of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2051) of Jeffrey Sánchez and others for legislation to increase access to vaccines. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1021 OF 2013-2014.]

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**House, No. 2051**

**BILL TO INCREASE ACCESS TO  
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August 2, 2016

Governor Charlie Baker  
Office of the Governor  
State House, Room 280  
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Governor Baker:

On behalf of Atrius Health I am writing express my strong support for **House Bill 3895**, *An Act Increasing Access to Immunizations*, passed in the House and the Senate last weekend and urge you to sign this important piece of legislation into law.

Atrius Health, an innovative nonprofit healthcare leader, delivers an effective system of connected care for more than 675,000 adult and pediatric patients in eastern and central Massachusetts. Atrius Health's 29 medical practices, with more than 35 specialties and 750 physicians, work together with the home health and hospice services of its VNA Care Network Foundation subsidiary and in close collaboration with hospital partners, community specialists and skilled nursing facilities. Atrius Health provides high-quality, patient-centered, coordinated care to every patient it serves. By establishing a solid foundation of knowledge, understanding and trust with each of its patients, Atrius Health enriches their health and enhances their lives.

Atrius Health joined with a number of other organizations across the state including the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers, Lahey Health, Partners Health Care, Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, the Massachusetts Medical Society, the Conference of Boston Teaching Hospitals as well as a number of large physician groups including Reliant Medical Group, Acton Medical Group and Mount Auburn Cambridge Independent Practice Association (MACIPA) all of whom advocated strongly in support of this needed update to MGL Chapter 94C.

We would welcome the opportunity to participate in a bill signing ceremony and would invite you to do so at one of our practices should there be an opportunity to do so.

Thank you again for your consideration. Should you have additional questions please feel free to contact me at (617) 559-8393 or Kathy Keough, Director of Government Relations at (617) 559-8561.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven Strongwater".

Steven Strongwater, MD  
President & CEO, Atrius Health



# COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

## COMMENTS ON ENACTED LEGISLATION

ALL RESPONSES MUST BE RETURNED NO LATER THAN:

BILL NUMBER: **H3895**

BILL TITLE: **An Act increasing access to immunizations**

ARTICLE 97  HOME RULE

COMMENTING AGENCY: **EOHHS, DPH**

OTHER AGENCIES:

NAME OF RESPONDENT: **Rebecca Brink, Legislative Director - EOHHS**

CONTACT INFORMATION: **617-573-1608 Rebecca.Brink@MassMail.State.MA.US**

APPROVED BY:

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### 1. SUMMARY:

- a. Summarize in detail the provisions of this bill and state the beneficial and adverse aspects of the bill. Please note that the impact on your Secretariat or Department, as well as the Commonwealth's political subdivisions and/or its taxpayers.

This legislation authorizes certified medical assistants (CMAs) to administer immunizations under the direct supervision of a primary care provider acting within their designated scope of practice. This legislation also directs DPH to promulgate regulations governing the administration of immunizations by CMAs.

DPH supports efforts to expand access to vaccinations with proper oversight and within scope of practice. CMAs are trained to administer injections and can safely do so under the direct supervision of a practitioner.

- b. Estimate the cost (if any) to the Commonwealth, its political subdivisions or its taxpayers in implementing the legislation.

There will be minimal costs to the Commonwealth associated with the development of regulations to implement this legislation.

This legislation may reduce immunization costs to patients and insurance carriers because it will allow immunizations to be administered by lower-cost providers.

2. **POSITION:** Indicate clearly your Secretariat/Department recommendation as follows. Your response in question #1 should strongly support your recommendation:

**Sign**

**Veto**

**Return with Amendment** (Please complete question #4)

3. **OTHER:** Please include any other pertinent comments, including bill history and/or the involvement that your Secretariat had in the legislative process, including bill drafting, testimony at hearings or comments/positions offered to Committees:

N/A

4. **AMENDMENTS:** If you select “*Return with Amendment*” in question #2, please include the following information in the space provided below:
- a. Summary of the proposed amendment
  - b. Text of the proposed amendment language

N/A

## **Bill Text**

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