



## AN UPDATE ON H947/S613, As of 8/5/20

*An Act Relative to Insurance Coverage for  
PANS/PANDAS*

Since our PANDAS Awareness Day event at the State House in October of 2019, momentum has continued with the legislation to mandate insurance coverage for treatment of PANS/PANDAS. The bill received a favorable recommendation from the Joint Committee on Financial Services in February 2020 and was then sent to the Joint Committee on Healthcare Finance. Despite delays resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, we persevered with advocacy for the bill while also continuing efforts to establish a PANS/PANDAS Advisory Council. Both efforts are moving forward and we now have two goals to make history in Massachusetts by the end of 2020. Thank you for supporting our efforts to make life-changing treatments available to all children.

### INSURANCE BILL

#### **JUNE 2020**

Senate bill S613 was moved forward to the Senate Ways & Means Committee

#### **AUGUST - NOVEMBER 2020**

We are hopeful the Senate Ways & Means Committee will offer a favorable recommendation in regards to the insurance mandate.

The S613 bill will then be sent to the Senate floor for a vote.

If passed by the Senate, the bill will be sent to the House to concur.

If the House concurs with the Senate, then the bill will be sent to the Governor to be signed into law.

### ADVISORY COUNCIL

#### **JULY 2020**

An amendment was filed by Rep. Josh Cutler to establish a PANS/PANDAS Advisory Council.

The House unanimously adopted the amendment to add the PANS/PANDAS Advisory Council to the House Healthcare bill.

#### **JULY 31, 2020**

A Conference Committee was established consisting of 3 Senators and 3 Representatives to work out the differences between the Senate and House Healthcare bills.

#### **AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 2020**

We hope the Conference Committee will recommend that the PANS/PANDAS Advisory Council be included in the combined Senate and House Healthcare bill.

### **WE NEED YOU!**

To contact your Senator and Representative and explain the importance of both the PANS/PANDAS bill H947/S613 and the establishment of a PANS/PANDAS Advisory Council in Massachusetts!

## **GOAL**

Both bills for the insurance  
mandate & the Advisory  
Council reach the  
Governor's  
Desk!