

The Acupuncture Society of Massachusetts Instructions for patients for Bill S2886 for July 2022

To My Patients – Please take action ASAP

There is good news from the State House for patients who benefit or would benefit from access to quality acupuncture care. Senate Bill S2886 – An Act relative to the practice of acupuncture, filed by State Senator Eric Lesser, is on the move! The Senate Committee on Rules in the State House reported favorably legislation requiring health plans to cover acupuncture services for pain, PTSD, nausea and substance use disorder. This advance is the product of years of effort and now's the time for the final push before the legislative session ends in a few weeks.

Please email your state senator the following letter:

Dear Senator _____:

My name is _____ and I'm a constituent in your district. I'm writing to request that you reach out to Chairman Michael Rodrigues and Senate Leadership and ask them to bring S2886 – An Act Relative to the Practice of Acupuncture to the Senate floor for a vote before the end of formal sessions in July.

Acupuncture is now covered by all Medicaid plans in the Commonwealth and I support S2886 so that the largest plan that covers all state employees and UMass students can cover acupuncture as well.

This legislation was initially filed in the Senate by Sen. Lesser. It provides for expanded access to acupuncture treatment for pain, substance use disorder, PTSD and nausea. Each of these conditions have been proven effective in evidence-based, peer-reviewed studies. Many patients across the Commonwealth are seeking non-pharmaceutical treatment options for pain and substance use issues. This bill, if passed, would provide that opportunity state-wide in a cost-effective manner.

This is important to me individually and in my community. I hope that you will support an Act relative to the treatment of acupuncture. Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Mr./Ms. _____

Address _____

Who to Contact

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Thank you for your support of this important effort.