

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR EDWARD M. FLYNN



## CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

### RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PROPOSED \$1,000 CAP ON MASSHEALTH ADULT DENTAL BENEFITS

**WHEREAS,** In recent weeks, dental professionals at the Massachusetts Dental Society have expressed serious concerns over the proposed \$1,000 annual cap on MassHealth adult dental benefits which would limit access to medically necessary care for working families, our seniors, immigrant communities, and persons with disabilities; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Concerns were raised that restricted dental coverage increases emergency department visits, which subsequently results in more expensive treatment; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Following prior dental care benefits in 2010, Massachusetts has already experienced a significant decrease in preventative dental care and a rise in emergency visits; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Tufts University School of Dental Medicine is a trusted neighbor and community partner in Chinatown, providing accessible and quality dental services for students at Josiah Quincy Elementary School, to our seniors, and immigrant neighbors; *and*

**WHEREAS,** It's critical that we listen to our dental professionals at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine and the Massachusetts Dental Society on the proposed \$1,000 cap in dental benefits, which would deny thousands of vulnerable residents' access to medically necessary dental care; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

**RESOLVED:** That the Boston City Council opposed the proposed \$1,000 cap on MassHealth adult dental benefits.

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