

## **Massachusetts 2004 Health Care Disclosure Law**

The Employer Health Access Program Beneficiary Report was sponsored by State Rep. Jeffrey Sanchez. It is Section 304 of the Massachusetts FY2005 Budget (below) or at:

[www.mass.gov/legis/05budget/outside\\_sections.htm](http://www.mass.gov/legis/05budget/outside_sections.htm)

SECTION 304. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the executive office of health and human services shall annually prepare a public health access program beneficiary employer report. For the purposes of this section, a "public health access program beneficiary" shall mean a person who receives medical assistance or medical benefits under chapter 118E of the General Laws or a person who receives health care services that qualifies as free care pursuant to chapter 118G of the General Laws. The report shall provide the following information for each employer of 50 or more public health access beneficiaries:

- (1) The name and address of the employer;
- (2) the number of public health access program beneficiaries who are employees of the employer;
- (3) the number of public health access program beneficiaries who are spouses or dependents of employees of the employer;
- (4) whether the employer offers health benefits to its employees; and
- (5) the cost to the Commonwealth of providing public health access program benefits for their employees and enrolled dependents.

The report shall not include the names of any individual public health access program beneficiaries and shall be subject to privacy standards pursuant to Public Law 104-191, and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996. The report shall be submitted annually on February 1 to the Joint Committee on Health Care and the House and Senate Committees on Ways and Means.