



# CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

## CITY COUNCIL

July 16, 2020

**ORDERED** that the City of New Bedford accept G.L. c. 32B, §15(a) to enable the City to offer a group dental plan to all active City employees.

IN CITY COUNCIL, July 16, 2020

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances.  
a true copy, attest:

Dennis W. Farias, City Clerk

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City Clerk

§ 15. Insurance coverage for employees of governmental units;..., MA ST 32B § 15

Massachusetts General Laws Annotated

Part I. Administration of the Government (Ch. 1-182)

Title IV. Civil Service, Retirements and Pensions (Ch. 31-32b)

Chapter 32B. Contributory Group General or Blanket Insurance for Persons in the Service of Counties, Cities, Towns and Districts, and Their Dependents (Refs & Annos)

M.G.L.A. 32B § 15

§ 15. Insurance coverage for employees of governmental units; appropriation or expenditure of public funds for payment of premiums

Currentness

(a) Upon acceptance of this subsection by its appropriate public authority and subject to any necessary appropriation, a governmental unit, acting by and through its appropriate public authority, may offer its employees a policy or policies of group long-term disability insurance, group dental insurance or group vision care insurance. A governmental unit may contract for such insurance coverage individually or through its membership in a trust or joint purchase group as provided in section twelve of this chapter. A governmental unit may elect to pay any part or none of the premium cost for such insurance coverage for its employees, and may bargain for such insurance coverage collectively.

(b) No governmental unit may appropriate or expend public funds for the payment of premiums for group life insurance, group accidental death and dismemberment insurance and group general or blanket hospital, surgical, medical, dental and other health insurance for its active or retired employees, or their dependents, unless such insurance is procured pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, or unless such payments are authorized by section five of chapter forty, or unless such payments are made, pursuant to an agreement of an employer and an employee organization, to a health and welfare trust fund agreement for the purposes of (i) providing health benefits not otherwise provided to such employees by said governmental unit under the provisions of this chapter or (ii) paying contributions by said governmental unit toward premium costs or rates in excess of the level of such premium cost or rate contributions otherwise provided for under the provisions of this chapter or (iii) providing health benefits required under this chapter. This subsection shall not apply to the county of Worcester.

Credits

Added by St.1967, c. 373, § 2. Amended by St.1982, c. 615, § 26; St.1988, c. 82; St.1993, c. 110, § 102; St.1996, c. 288, § 1.

Notes of Decisions (10)

M.G.L.A. 32B § 15, MA ST 32B § 15

Current through Chapter 87 of the 2020 2nd Annual Session

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**JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR**

June 18, 2020

City Council President Joseph Lopes  
Members of New Bedford City Council  
133 William Street  
New Bedford, MA 02740

RE: Health Insurance - Acceptance of M.G.L. Chapter 32B, Sections 15(a)

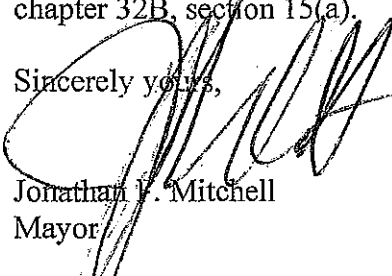
Dear Council President Lopes and Members of the City Council:

I am hereby transmitting to the City Council an Order to accept Massachusetts General Laws chapter 32B, section 15(a), to provide the City with the tools necessary to offer active City employees a group dental insurance plan.

Union members currently have an opportunity to participate in a group dental insurance plan through their respective Unions. However, dental insurance has never been available to non-Union and Unit C employees. The City would like to offer a group dental insurance plan that would be available to all active City employees, with premiums for the proposed dental plan funded entirely by the employees.

In order to provide all active City employees with the opportunity to participate in a group dental plan, I respectfully request that the City Council vote to accept Massachusetts General Laws chapter 32B, section 15(a).

Sincerely yours,

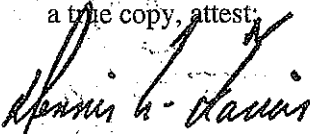
  
Jonathan F. Mitchell  
Mayor

cc: Ari Sky  
Judith Perkins  
Jane Medeiros Friedman

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