

PROPOSED

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AMENDMENTS TO H.B. 2847

(Reference to printed bill)

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert:

2 "Section 1. Title 20, chapter 4, article 3, Arizona Revised Statutes,
3 is amended by adding section 20-826.04, to read:

4 20-826.04. Autism; prohibiting denial of contract benefits;
5 application; definitions

6 A. A SUBSCRIPTION CONTRACT THAT IS OFFERED BY A HOSPITAL SERVICE
7 CORPORATION OR MEDICAL SERVICE CORPORATION SHALL NOT EXCLUDE OR DENY COVERAGE
8 FOR A TREATMENT OR IMPOSE DOLLAR LIMITS, DEDUCTIBLES AND COINSURANCE
9 PROVISIONS BASED SOLELY ON THE DIAGNOSIS OF AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER.

10 B. THIS SECTION DOES NOT:

11 1. APPLY TO A SUBSCRIPTION CONTRACT THAT IS ISSUED TO AN INDIVIDUAL OR
12 A SMALL EMPLOYER.

13 2. APPLY TO LIMITED BENEFIT COVERAGE AS DEFINED IN SECTION 20-1137.

14 3. REQUIRE COVERAGE FOR OUT OF STATE SERVICES.

15 C. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

16 1. "AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER" MEANS ONE OF THE THREE FOLLOWING
17 DISORDERS AS DEFINED IN THE MOST RECENT EDITION OF THE DIAGNOSTIC AND
18 STATISTICAL MANUAL OF MENTAL DISORDERS OF THE AMERICAN PSYCHIATRIC
19 ASSOCIATION:

20 (a) AUTISTIC DISORDER.

21 (b) ASPERGER'S SYNDROME.

22 (c) PERVASIVE DEVELOPMENTAL DISORDER - NOT OTHERWISE SPECIFIED.

23 2. "SMALL EMPLOYER" HAS THE SAME MEANING PRESCRIBED IN SECTION
24 20-2301.

25 Sec. 2. Title 20, chapter 4, article 9, Arizona Revised Statutes, is
26 amended by adding section 20-1057.11, to read:

27 20-1057.11. Autism; prohibiting denial of contract benefits;
28 application; definitions

1 A. A HEALTH CARE SERVICES ORGANIZATION SHALL NOT EXCLUDE OR DENY
2 COVERAGE FOR A TREATMENT OR IMPOSE DOLLAR LIMITS, DEDUCTIBLES OR COINSURANCE
3 RESTRICTIONS BASED SOLELY ON A DIAGNOSIS OF AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER.

4 B. THIS SECTION DOES NOT:

5 1. APPLY TO AN EVIDENCE OF COVERAGE THAT IS ISSUED TO AN INDIVIDUAL OR
6 A SMALL EMPLOYER.

7 2. APPLY TO LIMITED BENEFIT COVERAGE AS DEFINED IN SECTION 20-1137.

8 3. REQUIRE COVERAGE FOR OUT OF STATE SERVICES.

9 C. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

10 1. "AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER" MEANS ONE OF THE THREE FOLLOWING
11 DISORDERS AS DEFINED IN THE MOST RECENT EDITION OF THE DIAGNOSTIC AND
12 STATISTICAL MANUAL OF MENTAL DISORDERS OF THE AMERICAN PSYCHIATRIC
13 ASSOCIATION:

14 (a) AUTISTIC DISORDER.

15 (b) ASPERGER'S SYNDROME.

16 (c) PERVASIVE DEVELOPMENTAL DISORDER - NOT OTHERWISE SPECIFIED.

17 2. "SMALL EMPLOYER" HAS THE SAME MEANING PRESCRIBED IN SECTION
18 20-2301.

19 Sec. 3. Title 20, chapter 6, article 5, Arizona Revised Statutes, is
20 amended by adding section 20-1402.03, to read:

21 20-1402.03. Autism; prohibiting denial of contract benefits;
22 application; definitions

23 A. A GROUP DISABILITY INSURER SHALL NOT EXCLUDE OR DENY COVERAGE FOR A
24 TREATMENT OR IMPOSE DOLLAR LIMITS, DEDUCTIBLES OR COINSURANCE RESTRICTIONS
25 BASED SOLELY ON A DIAGNOSIS OF AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER.

26 B. THIS SECTION DOES NOT:

27 1. APPLY TO AN EVIDENCE OF COVERAGE THAT IS ISSUED TO AN INDIVIDUAL OR
28 A SMALL EMPLOYER.

29 2. APPLY TO LIMITED BENEFIT COVERAGE AS DEFINED IN SECTION 20-1137.

30 3. REQUIRE COVERAGE FOR OUT OF STATE SERVICES.

31 C. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

1 1. "AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER" MEANS ONE OF THE THREE FOLLOWING
2 DISORDERS AS DEFINED IN THE MOST RECENT EDITION OF THE DIAGNOSTIC AND
3 STATISTICAL MANUAL OF MENTAL DISORDERS OF THE AMERICAN PSYCHIATRIC
4 ASSOCIATION:

5 (a) AUTISTIC DISORDER.

6 (b) ASPERGER'S SYNDROME.

7 (c) PERVASIVE DEVELOPMENTAL DISORDER - NOT OTHERWISE SPECIFIED.

8 2. "SMALL EMPLOYER" HAS THE SAME MEANING PRESCRIBED IN SECTION
9 20-2301.

10 Sec. 4. Title 20, chapter 6, article 5, Arizona Revised Statutes, is
11 amended by adding section 20-1404.03, to read:

12 20-1404.03. Autism; prohibiting denial of contract benefits;
13 application; definitions

14 A. A BLANKET DISABILITY INSURER SHALL NOT EXCLUDE OR DENY COVERAGE FOR
15 A TREATMENT OR IMPOSE DOLLAR LIMITS, DEDUCTIBLES OR COINSURANCE RESTRICTIONS
16 BASED SOLELY ON A DIAGNOSIS OF AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER.

17 B. THIS SECTION DOES NOT:

18 1. APPLY TO AN EVIDENCE OF COVERAGE THAT IS ISSUED TO AN INDIVIDUAL OR
19 A SMALL EMPLOYER.

20 2. APPLY TO LIMITED BENEFIT COVERAGE AS DEFINED IN SECTION 20-1137.

21 3. REQUIRE COVERAGE FOR OUT OF STATE SERVICES.

22 C. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

23 1. "AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER" MEANS ONE OF THE THREE FOLLOWING
24 DISORDERS AS DEFINED IN THE MOST RECENT EDITION OF THE DIAGNOSTIC AND
25 STATISTICAL MANUAL OF MENTAL DISORDERS OF THE AMERICAN PSYCHIATRIC
26 ASSOCIATION:

27 (a) AUTISTIC DISORDER.

28 (b) ASPERGER'S SYNDROME.

29 (c) PERVASIVE DEVELOPMENTAL DISORDER - NOT OTHERWISE SPECIFIED.

30 2. "SMALL EMPLOYER" HAS THE SAME MEANING PRESCRIBED IN SECTION
31 20-2301.

1 Sec. 5. Title 36, chapter 29, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding section 36-2907.02, to read:

3 36-2907.02 Autism: prohibiting denial of contract benefits:
4 definitions

5 A. ANY COVERAGE THAT IS OFFERED BY A CONTRACTOR PROVIDING SERVICES TO
6 PERSONS ELIGIBLE PURSUANT TO SECTION 36-2901, THE INSURER SHALL NOT EXCLUDE
7 OR DENY COVERAGE FOR A TREATMENT OR SERVICE BASED SOLELY ON A DIAGNOSIS OF
8 AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER.

9 B. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

10 1. "AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER" MEANS ONE OF THE THREE FOLLOWING
11 DISORDERS AS DEFINED IN THE MOST RECENT EDITION OF THE DIAGNOSTIC AND
12 STATISTICAL MANUAL OF MENTAL DISORDERS OF THE AMERICAN PSYCHIATRIC
13 ASSOCIATION:

14 (a) AUTISTIC DISORDER.

15 (b) ASPERGER'S SYNDROME.

16 (c) PERVASIVE DEVELOPMENTAL DISORDER - NOT OTHERWISE SPECIFIED.

17 Sec. 6. Applicability

18 This act applies to contracts, policies and evidences of coverage
19 issued or renewed from and after June 30, 2009.

20 Sec. 7. Autism spectrum disorder task force

21 A. The autism spectrum disorder task force is established. The task
22 force is comprised of the following ten members:

23 1. Three members of the senate, appointed by the president of the
24 senate, no more than two of whom shall be of the same political party.

25 2. Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the
26 speaker of the house of representatives, no more than two of whom shall be of
27 the same political party.

28 3. A parent of a child diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder,
29 appointed by the president of the senate

30 4. An employee of a school district that treats children diagnosed
31 with autism spectrum disorder, appointed by the president of the senate

1 5. A pediatrician with experience in diagnosing and treating autism
2 spectrum disorder, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives

3 6. A behavioral health provider licensed pursuant to Title 32 with
4 experience in treating autism spectrum disorder, appointed by the speaker of
5 the house of representatives

6 7. The director of the department of health services, the director of
7 the division of developmentally disabled, the superintendent of public
8 instruction and the director of the Arizona health care cost containment
9 system shall serve as ex-officio members.

10 B. The task force shall examine:

11 1. Ways to improve the delivery and effectiveness of services provided
12 by the state and political subdivisions to children diagnosed with autism
13 spectrum disorder, including medical, social, behavioral health and
14 educational services

15 2. All sources of public funding available for the treatment of
16 children diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder, including local, political
17 subdivision and voter-approved funding, and ways to increase the efficiency
18 in the use of those funds

19 3. Methods to improve coordination in the delivery of services between
20 state agencies and political subdivisions to children diagnosed with autism
21 spectrum disorder

22 4. The availability of qualified providers in Arizona to diagnose and
23 treat children with autism spectrum disorder and ways to increase the number
24 of qualified providers

25 5. Scientific research on the most effective treatment methods

26 6. Ways to enhance Arizona's role in autism spectrum disorder research

27 C. By December 1, 2008, the division of developmentally disabled, in
28 cooperation with the department of health services and the Arizona health
29 care cost containment system, shall report to the task force:

30 1. A summary of the current service delivery system for children
31 diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder who are enrolled in state programs
32 and recommendations to improve the current model

1 2. Alternative models for service delivery to children diagnosed with
2 autism spectrum disorder who are enrolled in state programs, including a
3 model that integrates medical and behavioral health services

4 3. A summary of current treatment protocols and recommendations to
5 improve treatment protocols offered to children enrolled in state program
6 based on scientific research

7 4. A summary of qualified providers in Arizona available to diagnose
8 and treat children with autism spectrum disorder who are enrolled in state
9 programs and recommendations to increase the number of qualified providers
10 serving state programs

11 5. Other barriers that may exist to providing care to children
12 diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder who are enrolled in state programs
13 and recommendations to eliminate those barriers

14 D. The committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the
15 president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives on or
16 before December 31, 2009. The committee shall provide a copy of the report
17 to the governor, the secretary of state and the director of the Arizona state
18 library, archives and public records."

19 Amend title to conform

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