

HB0016



102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 1/14/2021, by Rep. Deb Conroy

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

305 ILCS 5/5-30.11

Amends the Medical Assistance Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code. Provides that the treatment of autism spectrum disorder through applied behavior analysis shall be covered under the medical assistance program for children with a diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder when ordered by a certified, registered, or licensed health care professional with expertise in treating the effects of autism spectrum disorders when the care is determined to be medically necessary and ordered by a physician licensed to practice medicine in all its branches. Provides that certain treatment shall be covered, including, but not limited to, psychiatric, psychological, rehabilitative, and therapeutic care. Effective July 1, 2021.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning public aid.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by
5 changing Section 5-30.11 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/5-30.11)

7 Sec. 5-30.11. Treatment of autism spectrum disorder.
8 Treatment of autism spectrum disorder through applied behavior
9 analysis shall be covered under the medical assistance program
10 under this Article for children with a diagnosis of autism
11 spectrum disorder when ordered by (i) a physician licensed to
12 practice medicine in all its branches and rendered by a
13 licensed or certified health care professional with expertise
14 in applied behavior analysis or (ii) a certified, registered,
15 or licensed health care professional with expertise in
16 treating the effects of autism spectrum disorders when the
17 care is determined to be medically necessary and ordered by a
18 physician licensed to practice medicine in all its branches.
19 Treatment covered under this Section shall include, but not be
20 limited to, the following:

21 (1) Psychiatric care, meaning direct, consultative, or
22 diagnostic services provided by a licensed psychiatrist.

23 (2) Psychological care, meaning direct or consultative

1 services provided by a licensed psychologist.

2 (3) Habilitative or rehabilitative care, meaning
3 professional, counseling, and guidance services and
4 treatment programs, including applied behavior analysis,
5 that are intended to develop, maintain, and restore the
6 functioning of an individual. As used in this subsection,
7 "applied behavior analysis" means the design,
8 implementation, and evaluation of environmental
9 modifications using behavioral stimuli and consequences to
10 produce socially significant improvement in human
11 behavior, including the use of direct observation,
12 measurement, and functional analysis of the relations
13 between environment and behavior. Applied behavior
14 analysis shall be covered if provided by a Board Certified
15 Behavior Analyst who possesses at least a master's degree
16 or higher level of education in qualifying fields and
17 possesses certification from the Behavior Analyst
18 Certification Board. Applied behavior analysis can also be
19 provided and shall be covered when provided by a
20 Registered Behavior Technician who is certified and in
21 direct supervision of a Board Certified Behavior Analyst.

22 (4) Therapeutic care, including behavioral, speech,
23 occupational, and physical therapies that provide
24 treatment in the following areas: (i) self care and
25 feeding; (ii) pragmatic, receptive, and expressive
26 language; (iii) cognitive functioning; (iv) applied

1 behavior analysis, intervention, and modification; (v)
2 motor planning; and (vi) sensory processing.

3 Such coverage may be limited to age ranges based on
4 evidence-based best practices. Appropriate State plan
5 amendments as well as rules regarding provision of services
6 and providers will be submitted by September 1, 2019.

7 (Source: P.A. 101-10, eff. 6-5-19.)

8 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
9 2021.