

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 86th General Assembly
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2282

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5 By: Representatives D. Johnson, D. Creekmore, Hoyt, Hyde, S. Prater, Shelby

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
10 HUMAN SERVICES TO SEEK A MEDICAID WAIVER FOR
11 INTENSIVE EARLY INTERVENTION BEHAVIOR THERAPY
12 SERVICES FOR CHILDREN SUFFERING FROM AUTISM
13 SPECTRUM DISORDERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

16 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF
17 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO SEEK A
18 MEDICAID WAIVER FOR THE TREATMENT OF
19 AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS.

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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 77, Subchapter 1 is amended
26 to add an additional section to read as follows:

27 20-77-124. Medicaid waiver for autism.

28 (a) As used in this section:

29 (1) "Autism spectrum disorder" means a neurobiological
30 condition, including without limitation:

31 (A) Asperger's disorder;

32 (B) Autism; and

33 (C) Pervasive developmental disorder; and

34 (2)(A) "Intensive early intervention behavior therapy services"
35 means home-based intensive early intervention behavior therapy for a child
36 with an autism spectrum disorder.



1 (B) Except as provided in subdivision (2)(C) of this
2 section, "intensive early intervention behavior therapy services" does not
3 include coverage for services to treat developmental disorders of language,
4 early onset psychosis, dementia, obsessive compulsive disorder, schizoid
5 personality disorder, avoidant personality disorder, or reactive attachment
6 disorder.

7 (C) If a child with an autism spectrum disorder is
8 diagnosed to have one (1) or more of the conditions listed in subdivision
9 (2)(B) of this section, intensive early intervention behavior therapy
10 includes coverage only for services necessary to treat the autism spectrum
11 disorder.

12 (b)(1) The Department of Health and Human Services shall seek a
13 Medicaid waiver from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to
14 provide intensive early intervention behavior therapy services to any child
15 who has been diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder.

16 (2) The waiver shall be for children eighteen (18) months of age
17 through ten (10) years of age.

18 (3) The waiver shall seek to develop skills of children in the
19 areas of cognition, behavior, communication, and social interaction.

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