

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  
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3 Regular Session, 2007  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2449

5 By: Representative Kidd  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MANDATE HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR  
10 AUTISM AND RELATED DISORDERS; AND FOR OTHER  
11 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

14 TO MANDATE HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR  
15 AUTISM AND RELATED DISORDERS.  
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 23, Chapter 99, Subchapter 4 is amended  
21 to add an additional section to read as follows:

22 23-99-417. Autism spectrum disorders.

23 (a) As used in this section, "autism spectrum disorder" means a  
24 neurobiological condition, including without limitation:

25 (1) Asperger's disorder;

26 (2) Autism;

27 (3) Childhood disintegrative disorder;

28 (4) Pervasive developmental disorder; and

29 (5) Rett's disorder.

30 (b) Effective January 1, 2008, a health benefit plan shall provide  
31 medical coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of an autism spectrum  
32 disorder.  
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