

2009 State Autism Mandate Bills Cost Estimates  
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Colorado Bill draft: LLS NO. 09-0894.01 Effective July 1, 2010 Individual and group	Autism spectrum disorder includes autism, Asperger's disorder, and PDD-NOS as defined in the DSM.	None	None	Yes	No	Limited		
Georgia HB 426 SB 161 Effective date not clear Individual and group (including state employee plan)	Autism spectrum disorder includes autism, Asperger's disorder, Rett's disorder, and PDD-NOS as defined in the DSM.	None	\$55,000 annual benefit maximum for ABA only  DOI to implement medical CPI increase as of 1/1/10	Yes	None	Yes (once every 6 months, insurer bears cost)	Therapeutic care can be provided by a "certified" speech therapist.  Physician assistants (PAs) and nurse practitioners (NPs) can prescribe medications, including <b>nutritional supplements</b> (which we exclude as experimental)	<b>\$7.31 PMPM</b> (first year) (assuming no cap on benefits)  <b>\$7.57 PMPM</b> (second year)  <b>\$7.83 PMPM</b> (third year)  Annual increases due to annual medical CPI increase

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Kentucky SB 74 HB 190 Thirty (30) days after enactment Individual and group	Autism spectrum disorders per DSM (autistic disorder, Asperger's, PDD-NOS)	None	None	Yes	None	Yes (once every 12 months, insurer bears cost)	<p>PAs and NPs can make medical necessity determinations, prescribe therapeutic care;</p> <p>Rehabilitative care can be provided by a "licensed behavioral therapist" or "other qualified professional."</p>	<p>Low cost (no assumption for adults ages 21+) -- <b>\$9.57 PMPM</b></p> <p>High cost (assumes adults ages 21+ use services at same level as children ages 13-21) -- <b>\$13.25 PMPM</b></p>

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Missouri SB 167 HB 298 HB 357  August 28, 2009 Group only (no group size specified)	Autism spectrum disorder (including autistic disorder, Asperger's and PDD -NOS, plus Rett's Disorder and Childhood Disintegrative Disorder)	Age 0 - 21	\$72,000 annual (for services related to autism diagnosis)  Effective 12/31/10 DOI to increase annual limit annually per Medical CPI	Yes	No  Unique autism service provider requirements – includes nonlicensed and noncertified individuals  Unique payment provisions to autism service providers	Insurer can review once every 6 months (unless inpatient), at insurer's cost  Medical necessity definition included	Coverage under pharmacy benefit for <b>nutritional supplements</b> , and services to determine need or effectiveness of nutritional supplements (we exclude as E/I)	<b>\$8.30 PMPM</b> (first year)  <b>\$8.59 PMPM</b> (second year)  <b>\$8.89 PMPM</b> (third year)  Increases each year due to annual medical CPI increase
Nevada AB 162  Effective October 1, 2009  Individual and large group (excluding small group)	"Autism spectrum disorders" means any of the pervasive developmental disorders as defined by the most recent edition of the DSM, including autistic disorder,	None	None	Yes	None			<b>\$9.81 -- \$9.94 PMPM</b>

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	Asperger's Disorder and PDD-NOS.							
Wisconsin SB 3 AB 15 Insured individual and group, self-insured governmental and school district plans Effective for policies issued or renewed on or after the 1 <sup>st</sup> day of the 7 <sup>th</sup> month following publication	Autism spectrum disorders (autism disorder, Asperger's syndrome, PDD – NOS)	None	None	Not specifically mentioned, but carriers must pay for any treatment rendered by the enumerated providers	No Bill requires benefits for "paraprofessionals" working under the supervision of a psychiatrist, psychologist, or social worker certified or licensed to practice psychotherapy. Bill also requires benefits for "a professional working under the supervision of an outpatient mental health clinic"	No		<b>\$8.00 PMPM</b> (year one) <b>\$9.35 PMPM</b> (year two) <b>\$10.94 PMPM</b> (year three) Increases due to assumption that autism diagnosis increases 13% per year

**Key to abbreviations:**

ABA = applied behavior analysis therapy

CPI = consumer price index

DSM = Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders

PDD = Pervasive Developmental Disorder

PDD (NOS) = Pervasive Developmental Disorder Not Otherwise Specified

